QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 12 February 2007

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(55) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Webber asked:

Is DIAC aware that Fletcher International WA was fined \$27,500 for failing to provide a safe workplace (see page 30, Safeguard Magazine, Spring 2006 edition)? Was the injured worker employed by the company using a 457 visa? Has the company reviewed issuing Fletcher International WA 457 visas given this safety breach?

Answer:

DIAC has not been informed by either Worksafe WA or Fletcher International WA that the affected employee was a subclass 457 visa holder. Privacy considerations prevent Worksafe WA providing us with the names of the affected individual. As the injured worker was only 17 years of age, it is unlikely that they were a primary 457 visa holder.

DIAC is in contact with Worksafe WA regarding this matter.