

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(57) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Ellison asked:

Will the COAG review of the 457 visa commenced by the previous government be continuing or will this process be abandoned?

*Answer:*

The Government is currently examining ways to address Australia's skills and labour shortages including through temporary skilled migration measures, such as the Subclass 457 visa arrangements.

It is not appropriate for the Department to comment on the Government's policy contemplations on matters related to the COAG directed review of temporary business entry arrangements.