

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

##### **(87) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash asked:

Is it true that DIAC funded studies, (e.g. Macdonald and Temple (2008) and (2010) and the recently released DIAC study in January 2011 concerning the long term impacts of immigration on the environment) do not forecast the demand for labour but are solely based on desktop studies of future labour supply derived from demographic studies?

*Answer:*

The research commissioned by DIAC goes beyond desktop studies but does not forecast demand for labour.

The methodology used in the Macdonald and Temple report is consistent with the methodology used in the 2010 Intergenerational Report and the modelling using the Productivity Commission's MoDEM 2.0 demographic model. This methodology provides demographic projections over a 50 year period and goes beyond desktop research.

The methodology used in the NILS report is based on the Australian Stocks and Flows Framework developed by an interdisciplinary group of Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) researchers with skills in systems modelling and scenario planning.

The reports from Macdonald and Temple and from the National Institute of Labour Studies (NILS) and are available on the Department's website at:  
<http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/research/>.