

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 - 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0136) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Will there be a renewal process for EMAs should the worker be required to continue their stay in Australia? How will this differ from the existing renewal process for 457 visas which is essentially completing a new application?

*Answer:*

All overseas workers employed under an EMA will be in Australia on a subclass 457 visa. The normal requirements of the subclass 457 visa also apply to these overseas workers employed under an EMA. Therefore the process for the visa holder to extend their stay in Australia beyond the term of the original visa would be to re-apply for another subclass 457 visa.