QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0198) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

Does the Department review the WHM visa on a regular basis? If so, when was the last review of this visa subclass?

Answer.

The Working Holiday Maker visa program was extensively reviewed in 2009-2010. The report on this review is available at:

http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/research/_pdf/whm-report.pdf

In addition there is ongoing monitoring and reporting on program outcomes. A six monthly statistical report on the program is available at: http://www.immi.gov.au/media/statistics/visitor.htm