

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Carr asked:

Why does the Department believe that the majority of persons coming to Australia who are in trades occupations in fact come from low-wage countries?

Answer:

Some increase in trades workers coming from low-wage source countries is likely to be because many high wage countries are themselves facing similar demographic trends and skills shortages as Australia.