

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(142) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash asked:

Did DIAC establish a system of accreditation for employers who exhibit a set of low risk characteristics, including an exemplary record of compliance with immigration and industrial relations laws? If so, please provide a list of the accredited employers.

*Answer:*

The Government announced that an accreditation system for Subclass 457 (Temporary Long Stay) visa sponsors who exhibit a set of low risk characteristics would be established in 2010-2011. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship is implementing this initiative.