



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

James Milligan MLA: To ask the Minister for Skills

In relation to:

- (1) Minister, several public submissions, such as Engineers Australia, the Chamber of Business, and others, raised the importance of skilled migration. This does not appear to be a focus in the budget.

For example, previous budgets have had as Accountability Indicators, numbers of migrants, Employer Sponsored Nominated, Skilled Independent Nominated, and average number of monthly visits to Canberra Create Your Future website. Why have these been dropped from the budget accountability indicators for this Output Class?

(a) What are the new outcome measures for this matter?

- (2) (2) Where is the appropriation for addressing skilled migration needs to meet skills shortages?

(a) (if none) Will this matter be funding? And if so how, if not, why not?

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- (1) Accountability indicators are regularly reviewed to ensure they continue to accurately represent the outcomes of ACT Government responsibility and investment. Of the accountability indicators referenced in the question, the ACT Government is only responsible for the skilled independent nominated numbers for subclass 491 and 190 visas.

The Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs is responsible for Employer Sponsored Nominated (subclass 186) and granting of all visa types. The Canberra Create Your Future website has now been superseded by an updated ACT Migration website.

(a) The 2022-23 accountability indicators for skilled migration remain the same as 2021-22:

- *Skilled Migration Attraction and Facilitation:*
 - *Number of skilled independent nominated*
 - *Average processing time for applications across all skilled migration program streams*

- (2) Funding for the ACT Migration program is included in the base funding in *Output 3.1 Economic Development*.

(a) N/A

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Skills, Chris Steel MLA