

WORKING HOLIDAY VISAS

502. Ms M. BEARD to the Minister for Tourism:

I refer to the recent review of Australia's migration system, which included the recommendation to get rid of the regional incentive for the vital working holiday visa.

- (1) Did the Cook Labor government make a submission to this review to ensure that WA's voice was heard in Canberra?
- (2) Since the review has been handed to the Minister for Home Affairs, has the minister or any Cook Labor government minister spoken with Minister O'Neil to ensure the working holiday visa is not removed?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

I thank the member for that question.

- (1)–(2) That issue is something that the Minister for Training takes up. She regularly asks the federal government to do what it can to support workers migrating to WA. I understand that the Minister for Training has raised these issues and continues to push this issue with the federal government with respect to workers both in regional WA and in the metropolitan area to ensure that we get as many workers as possible in key services across the state.