

JOBS — SKILLED MIGRATION LIST

**902. Hon CHARLES SMITH to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the graduate skilled migration list in Western Australia.

- (1) Why are professions like caravan park and camping ground manager, acupuncturist, dance teacher, finance broker, interior designer, television journalist and traditional Chinese medicine practitioner on the graduate occupation list?
- (2) Has the state government conducted any labour market testing in creating this list?
- (3) Has the government included safeguards for local workers?
- (4) Has the state government placed any caps on the number of foreigners eligible for the list nomination?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Occupations on the graduate occupation list are sourced from Australian government skilled migration lists and include occupations that have higher education pathways to provide overseas students who study at Western Australian universities with a pathway to migration. The graduate stream of the state-nominated migration program aims to attract the best global talent with advanced qualifications, skills and experience, with priority being given to those students who have gained the highest level qualifications at a Western Australian institution.
- (2)–(3) The compilation of the graduate occupation list references the state priority occupation list, which is based on extensive labour market analysis in Western Australia.  
  
As previously outlined in the answer to question without notice 825 on 18 September 2018, such highly skilled graduates will be complementary to the state's workforce and, therefore, will help boost the economy and create jobs for Western Australians.
- (4) The state-nominated migration program is a capped program. The final allocations available to states and territories have not been finalised by the commonwealth government for the 2018–19 program year.