New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019

(Amendment to be moved by Senator Keneally, on behalf of the Opposition, in committee of the whole)

(1) Page 13 (after line 7), at the end of the Bill, add:

Schedule 4—Amendment of the Migration Act 1958

Migration Act 1958

1 After section 498

   Insert:

498A Minister must prepare report on provisional skilled regional visas

   (1) At the end of a reporting period, the Minister must cause a written report on provisional skilled regional visas to be prepared.

   (2) The report must include the following information in relation to the number of provisional skilled regional visa applications made, granted or refused for each reporting period:

      (a) the number of applicants residing outside Australia;

      (b) the number of applicants residing in Australia by:

         (i) State and Territory; and

         (ii) postcode; and

      (c) the number of applicants nominated by a State or Territory government agency;

      (d) the name and if applicable, ABN and ACN, of companies sponsoring an applicant;

      (e) the number of applicants for each of the following annual market salary rates:

         (i) less than the TSMIT;

         (ii) more than the TSMIT but less than $60,000;

         (iii) between $60,001–$70,000;

         (iv) between $70,001–$80,000;
(v) between $80,001–$90,000;
(vi) between $90,001–$100,000;
(vii) between $100,001–$150,000;
(viii) more than $150,001.

(f) the ANZSCO codes of the nominated occupation of applicants and the number of applicants for each code.

(3) The report must be made publicly available on the Department’s website within 60 days of the end of a reporting period.

(4) The Minister must cause a copy of the report to be tabled in each House of Parliament within 5 sitting days of that House after the report has been made publicly available.

(5) In this section:

   ABN (short for Australian Business Number) has the same meaning as in the A New Tax System (Australian Business Number) Act 1999.

   ACN (short for Australian Company Number) has the same meaning as in the Corporations Act 2001.

   ANZSCO (short for Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations) has the same meaning as in the Migration Regulations 1994.

   provisional skilled regional visas has the same meaning as in the Social Security Act 1991.

   reporting period means:

   (a) the period beginning 16 November 2019 and ending on the day this section commences; or

   (b) each subsequent period of 3 months beginning on the day after the period in paragraph (a) ends.

   TSMIT (short for temporary skilled migration income threshold) has the same meaning as prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 2.72(15)(d) of the Migration Regulations 1994.

[reporting obligations]