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 499

Insert:

499A Acts or things relating to provisional skilled regional visas must be done by APS employees etc.

(1) This section applies to an act or thing (a covered act or thing) that relates to:

(a) receiving an application for a provisional skilled regional visa (within the meaning of the Social Security Act 1991); or

(b) considering such an application;

unless the act or thing is in relation to a health criterion.

(2) A covered act or thing must only be done by:

(a) a Minister; or

(b) an APS employee; or

(c) a person engaged under section 74 of the Public Service Act 1999.

(3) Despite section 496, the Minister or the Secretary must not delegate a power under this Act that relates to a covered act or thing to a person who is not mentioned in subsection (2).

(4) An arrangement entered into by the Commonwealth that relates to the doing of a covered act or thing is unenforceable after this section’s commencement if the arrangement provides the covered act or thing is to be done by a person who is not mentioned in...
subsection (2).

[privatising visa processing]