

Designated Area Migration Agreement

Ms ROSOL question to MINISTER for SKILLS and JOBS

My question is on behalf of Archana Brammall, who owns co-owns Tatler Lane and Sweetbrew, a busy hospitality business in Launceston. She asks what progress has been made on the Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) for skilled workers in Tasmania? You've promised Ms Brammall an outcome several times this year, including reassurance that all would be resolved by July. She went ahead and employed five skilled staff she would then sponsor under the agreement. But with the DAMA still not in place, she is now looking at losing three of these staff by November, despite them being key to operations. Ms Brammall is aware of many other employers in similar situations, waiting with bated breath for the agreement that will enable them to fill critical employment gaps. Exactly where is the DAMA process up to, why is it taking so long for the agreement to be approved and when can Ms Brammall expect it to be finalised?