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## Further Information/Related Publications

### Australia's Net Gains from International Skilled Movement

#### Objectives of the Study

This study updates previous research in this area. It details movements of skilled workers to and from Australia in 2004–05 along with trend data since the mid-1990s. It examines whether Australia has a brain drain or a brain gain.

#### Researcher(s)

Dr Bob Birrell, Virginia Rapson and Fred T Smith, Centre for Population and Urban Research, Monash University.

#### Current status

The report "*Australia's Net Gains from International Skilled Movement - Skilled Movements in 2004–05 and earlier years*" released in July 2006 is available from DIMA's Research Publications web site at the following link, [www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/pdf/aus\\_net\\_gains\\_int\\_kills\\_mnt\\_2004\\_05.pdf](http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/pdf/aus_net_gains_int_kills_mnt_2004_05.pdf).

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### Evaluation of the General Skilled Migration Categories (GSM)

#### Objectives of the Study

The evaluation of the GSM categories and points test:

- Examined the efficiency and effectiveness of the current structure and operation of the GSM and points test (excluding issues relating to the numbers selected through this process, which is subject to policy considerations outside the ambit of this evaluation);
- Examined the administration of the GSM points test in terms of its efficiency and effectiveness;
- Assessed how well the GSM and points test were meeting their objectives principally through an examination of the characteristics and labour market outcomes of GSM principal applicants
- Recommended changes deemed necessary to improve the administration, operation and outcomes of the GSM and points test, including drawing upon the comparisons of the operations of the Australian and overseas points tests.

Overseas migration experts from New Zealand, Canada and the United Kingdom also undertook comparisons of the Australian Points Test with their own country's migrant selection processes.

#### Researcher(s)

Dr Bob Birrell, Centre for Population and Urban Research, Monash University, Professor Sue Richardson, National Institute of Labour Studies, Professor Lesleyann Hawthorn, University of Melbourne

#### Current status

The evaluation was completed in the second half of 2005. The report "*Evaluation of the General Skilled Migration Categories*" (2006) is available on DIMA's Research Publications web site at the following link, [www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/research/gsm-report/index.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/research/gsm-report/index.htm).

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## The Economic Impact of Migration: A Comparison of Two Approaches

### Objectives of the Study

This project investigates the factors that underlie differences in the economic impact of migrants from two major economic models of the economy.

### Researcher(s)

Chris Murphy, Econtech Pty Ltd

### Current status

The report “*The Economic Impact of Migration: A Comparison of Two Approaches*” was released in April 2006 and is available from DIMA’s Research web site at the following link, [www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/pdf/Econtech\\_Comparison\\_Report.pdf](http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/pdf/Econtech_Comparison_Report.pdf).

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## Immigration and the Supply of Complex Problem Solvers in the Australian Economy

### Objectives of the Study

This is an evaluation of how Australia’s skilled migration policies help increase the future supply of young “complex problem solvers” to complement the ageing composition of the labour force.

### Researcher(s)

Professor Peter McDonald and Jeromey Temple, Australian Centre for Population Research, Australian National University

### Current status

The project was completed 2006. The report “*Immigration and the Supply of Complex Problem Solvers in the Australian Economy*” is available on DIMA’s Research Publications web site at the following link, [www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/pdf/immigr\\_supplyof\\_%20complexproblems\\_solversCPSDIMA.pdf](http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/pdf/immigr_supplyof_%20complexproblems_solversCPSDIMA.pdf).

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## Temporary Skilled Migrants’ Employment and Residence Outcomes – Findings from the follow-up survey of 457 visa holders

### Objectives of the Study

This was a follow up survey to the Survey and Analysis of Characteristics of Long-Term Temporary Business entrants project that studied the characteristics of Long-Term Temporary Business entrants showing an analysis and trends; and a survey of Temporary Entrants and employer sponsors.

### Researcher(s)

Professor Peter McDonald, and Dr Siew-Ean Khoo, Australian Centre for Population Research, Australian National University; and Professor Graeme Hugo, School of Geographical and Environmental Sciences, University of Adelaide.

### Current status

The report “*Temporary Skilled Migrants’ Employment and Residence Outcomes – Findings from the follow-up survey of 457 visa holders*” was released in August 2006 and is available from DIMA’s Research Publications web site at the following link, [www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/pdf/Temporary\\_Skilled\\_Outcomes.pdf](http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/pdf/Temporary_Skilled_Outcomes.pdf).

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