



Migrant workers in '\$8 rip-off'

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Australian oil and gas group Woodside Petroleum is employing contract staff through the US-based McDermott International. The Filipino building workers are needed at the North West Shelf LNG gas plant, and are receiving as little as \$A8 per hour in some cases according to the Australian Workers Union. Its claims have caused the Workplace Ombudsman federal agency to launch an investigation of the contracts, under the short-term "456" migrant labour visa scheme. Woodside says it will fully support the probe, and wants all suppliers to comply with the law.