

# Authentic Listening

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## Far north Queensland banana growers relying on overseas workers

Before listening, check the meaning of the following words:

- Reliant (adj)          Paramount (adj)          Labour intensive (adj)
- Itinerant (adj)      Bugged (adj)



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<http://www.tullygumbootfestival.com/images/festival2007/banana-bikini.jpg>

Listen to the recording and answer the following questions:

1. What do labour hire companies do?
2. What are the two major disasters that drove the local labour force away from Tully?
3. By how much did the number of backpackers working on a banana farm in Tully increase?
4. How many backpackers can a banana farm in Tully employ on any particular day?
5. Which country is the main source of seasonal workers on a Tully banana farm?
6. What role do *Green Farm Hands* play in the arrangements? Is Patrick Leahy happy with the deal?
7. Why is having a Korean supervisor on the floor important for Patrick Leahy?
8. What does Patrick Leahy think about his Korean workforce?



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