

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES
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**Home Affairs Portfolio
Department of Home Affairs**

Program 2.5: Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship

OSE23-277 - Citizenship Test - Breakdown by Month from May 2022 to Present

Senator Paul Scarr asked:

For each month from May 2022 to present, what is:

- a. The number of citizen tests taken?
- b. Number of citizen tests passed?
- c. Number of people who have failed the test for a third time?
- d. Number of people refused citizenship for failing the test a third time?

Answer:

a.

Table 1: Number of Australian citizenship tests administered from 1 May 2022 to 31 August 2023, by month of test (data as at 22 November 2023).	
Test month	No. of tests
May 2022	20,897
June 2022	19,936
July 2022	17,199
August 2022	19,068
September 2022	16,408
October 2022	18,024
November 2022	19,848
December 2022	13,333
January 2023	15,053
February 2023	15,502
March 2023	20,594
April 2023	15,457
May 2023	22,823
June 2023	23,969
July 2023	26,309
August 2023	25,080
Total	309,500

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b.

Table 2: Number of Australian citizenship tests passed from 1 May 2022 to 31 August 2023, by month of test (data as at 22 November 2023).	
Test month	No. of test passes
May 2022	13,036
June 2022	12,380
July 2022	11,076
August 2022	12,347
September 2022	10,630
October 2022	11,773
November 2022	13,056
December 2022	8,550
January 2023	9,459
February 2023	9,778
March 2023	12,888
April 2023	10,231
May 2023	14,838
June 2023	15,852
July 2023	18,009
August 2023	16,707
Total	200,610

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- c. The Department is unable to provide a response as the information is not readily available in reporting systems and would require a significant diversion of resources to respond to this question.
- d. The Department is unable to provide a response based on the number of times an applicant failed the Australian citizenship test, prior to their application for Australian citizenship by conferral being refused, as the information is not readily available in reporting systems.