

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE16/061) - Citizenship applications - length of time between sucessfully sitting test and attending ceremony - Programme 2.1: Citizenship**

Senator Bilyk, Catryna (L&CA 94) asked:

Senator BILYK: What is the amount of time for the 10 per cent of applications that are shortest and longest in terms of time between successfully sitting the test and attending a citizenship ceremony.

Ms Dacey: You want the outliers—is that right?

Senator BILYK: Yes.

Ms Dacey: We would have to take that on notice.

Senator BILYK: That is fine.

*Answer:*

Applicants will only be invited to attend a citizenship ceremony once all assessment criteria have been satisfied (including the citizenship test where applicable) and their application has been approved.

The average time from approval of a citizenship by conferral application to ceremony attendance (for the period of 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015):

<b>Description</b>	<b>Average no. of days</b>
10% of people with the shortest term of time	40
10% of people with the longest term of time	227