

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 March 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/257) - Citizenship ceremony waitlist - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA 48) asked:

Senator PRATT: Can you take on notice the breakdown by LGA of the number of approved citizenship applicants awaiting a pledge or ceremony where their approval has been in the last financial year, if you are able to do that.

Mr Manthorpe: Sorry, Senator. What are you after?

Senator PRATT: I am asking for documentation of the backlog. People like to have a ceremony. I understand that people do not have to have one. But, if people want to access a ceremony and therefore they are waiting—

Mr Manthorpe: I see.

Senator PRATT: for theirs—

Mr Manthorpe: You are trying to get a breakdown to get a sense of where it is.

Senator PRATT: I would like to see where in the country there are problems. We have heard evidence of people waiting in Parramatta. We would like to see the extent of where people are waiting longer than they might like to be able to access a ceremony.

Mr Manthorpe: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

Please see response to AE17/258.