

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 26 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/120) - Resumption of citizenship - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 64) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I see. What is the resumption of citizenship? How do you resume your citizenship?

Mr Wilden: There are circumstances where a person may voluntarily forfeit their citizenship and, if they wish to then resume it, obviously we already know a lot about them. Therefore, the level of test and hence the cost involved is not as significant as a first time applicant for citizenship.

Senator KIM CARR: How many people have done that?

Mr Wilden: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

2,840 people resumed Australian citizenship in the period 01 July 2007 to 31 May 2015.