

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

### **(BE17/265) - Analysis on Proposed citizenship changes - Programme 2.1: Citizenship**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

What analysis has been done regarding the proposed citizenship changes?

*Answer:*

The National Consultation on Citizenship was led by the Hon Philip Ruddock MP and Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells in 2016. The 2015 Report *National Consultation on Citizenship – Your Right, Your Responsibility* was informed by:

- consultations with key stakeholders involved in citizenship law and policy;
- public consultations in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Northern Territory, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania; and
- over 2,544 responses to an on-line survey and more than 400 written submissions;

The Report made key findings and recommendations in relation to:

- promoting community understanding of Australian citizenship; and
- strengthening the pathway to citizenship.

The package of citizenship reforms announced on 20 April 2017 by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection is the Government's response to the Report.