

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/272) - Statistics relating to permanent residents – Citizenship eligibility - Programme 2.1: Citizenship**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

How many are eligible for citizenship now (under existing rules)? Of those, how many people will be adversely affected by this change and required to wait?

If the changes come in how many people would be ruled out?

*Answer:*

There were 69,677 people who lodged citizenship (by conferral) applications prior to 20 April 2017, who will be assessed under the existing legislative provisions.

The number of people who may be eligible to apply for citizenship and who may be affected by changes to the requirements to become an Australian citizen cannot be accurately estimated.