

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(BE17/277) - Citizenship changes – Estimated failure rate - Programme 2.1:  
Citizenship**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Regarding the citizenship changes, what are the estimates of the resulting failure rate for both the English and new Citizenship test, and which cohorts are likely to fail any new test? And how does this compare to current success and failure rates?

*Answer:*

For the period of 1 July 2016 to 31 May 2017, the pass rate for the current citizenship test was 98 per cent. Two per cent of people who undertook the citizenship test over that period failed. The two per cent includes people who failed after one or more attempts.

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection is not able to estimate pass and failure rates under the new citizenship test.

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