

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(108) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Hurley (L&C 114) asked:

Turning over to page 196, I want to note that 463 people are registered as having lost their Australian citizenship. Of those, how many were renounced or stripped of their citizenship?

Answer:

A reporting error of one has been identified in the loss statistics included in the 2004-05 Annual Report and this will be corrected in the 2005-06 Annual Report.

A total of 464 people were recorded in 2004-2005 as no longer being Australian citizens:

- 296 had at some time prior to 4 April 2002 lost their citizenship under the now repealed Section 17;
- 96 renounced their citizenship under Section 18;
- 71 lost their citizenship under Section 23 as the children of people who had lost their citizenship under Section 17 or renounced it under Section 18; and
- one person was deprived of their Australian citizenship under Section 21.