

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 29

Senator Kirk asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007:

Please provide figures showing the numbers of Marriage Celebrants training organisations since 2003.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

On 1 September 2003, when the current Marriage Celebrants Program commenced operation, there were six training organisations accredited to deliver training in marriage celebrancy.

On 1 September 2004 the number was 30.

On 1 September 2005 the number was 41.

On 1 September 2006 the number was 46.

On 28 February 2007 the number was 42.

Not all organisations that are accredited to deliver the required training course in marriage celebrancy deliver the course every year. The Department understands from information provided to it that as at 8 March 2007, of the 42 organisations currently accredited, 35 are actually delivering training in 2007, seven having elected not to offer the training this year because of a drop in enrolments.