

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 12 February 2007**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(108) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship**

Senator Hurley (L&CA 93) asked:

Provide figures on the number of instances where a person's citizenship application has been refused because they do not have the level of English required.

*Answer:*

The Department does not have reliable statistics on applications refused on the basis of level of English. These issues are being addressed as part of the development of Systems for People.