QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(33) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Allison (L&CA 104) asked:

Which country of origin has produced the highest failure rate for the test?

Answer.

As at 31 December 2007, the country of origin with the highest failure rate was French Guiana. One person from French Guiana had sat the test and failed, twice.

Of the countries of origin from which at least 100 clients have sat the test, the five countries with the lowest pass rates as at 31 December 2007 are:

- Sudan (74.9% of clients have passed, with an average of 1.5 tests administered per client).
- Lebanon (75.3% of clients have passed, with an average of 1.5 tests administered per client).
- Vietnam (80.1% of clients have passed, with an average of 1.4 tests administered per client).
- Afghanistan (81.1% of clients have passed, with an average of 1.6 tests administered per client).
- Iraq (83.1% of clients have passed, with an average of 1.6 tests administered per client).

The average number of tests administered per client, across all countries of origin, is 1.2.