

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 February 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(6) Program: Portfolio Tribunals (MRT-RRT)

Senator Boyce (L&CA 13) asked:

In the current caseload, how many people with disabilities, from an MRT/RRT perspective are unable to satisfy the health criterion?

Answer:

The RRT has not been able to identify any cases in which the issue before the RRT was that an applicant had failed to undergo a medical examination. The relevant requirements are for applicants to undergo medical examinations and that, if appropriate, arrangements are made for professional supervision while undergoing any necessary treatment.

The MRT does deal with matters where a delegate of the Minister finds that an applicant does not meet the health criteria set out in clauses 4005, 4006A or 4007 of Schedule 4 to the Migration Regulations 1994. The MRT does not collect specific data on these cases and is unable to advise the number of people with disabilities who do not satisfy the applicable health criterion.