

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

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

Senator Ludwig (L&CA 64) asked:

In relation to the citizenship test, has the Attorney-General's Department been consulted about the framework for identity?

*Answer:*

In developing the identity verification framework for citizenship testing, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) is endeavouring to meet the Australian Government's National Identity Security Strategy (NISS) Gold Standard Enrolment Framework. The NISS is overseen by the Attorney General's Department (AGD) and DIAC has been heavily involved in both the development and implementation of the strategy.

DIAC is also engaging directly with AGD on the details of the proposed identity verification framework for citizenship testing.