

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(148) Output 2.1.: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley asked:

What are the average hours of Special Preparatory Program tuition completed by an AMEP client who is eligible for the SPP, before entering the mainstream English program?

Answer:

In 2005-06, the average actual hours per SPP client who entered the AMEP were:

SPP Eligibility	Hours
Up to 400 hours	289
Up to 100 hours	76

Note: Clients move to the AMEP as soon as they are assessed by the service providers as ready to begin mainstream learning. As a consequence very few use exactly 100 hours.