

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 29 MAY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(66) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Barnett (L&CA 24) asked:

Can you focus on that and break it down to reveal those who failed the mandatory questions or the rights and responsibilities questions.

Can you give us numbers to show how many failed the test in the first six months because of that?

Answer:

Between 1 October 2007 and 31 March 2008:

- 30 197 tests were administered to 25 067 clients.
- 23 781 tests were passed.
- 2 357 tests were failed because the client answered less than 12 out of the twenty questions correctly.
- 4 059 tests were failed because the client answered one or more of the mandatory questions on the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship incorrectly.