

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23-24 MAY 2011**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE11/0776) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services**

Senator Michaelia Cash (Written) asked:

What was the overturn rate for citizenship decisions for the past 4 financial years?

*Answer:*

For the period 1 July 2010 until 31 May 2011, 0.3 per cent of decisions to refuse Australian citizenship were overturned on appeal.

The statistics for the overturn rate for previous financial years listed below are contained in the Annual Report of the Department for the relevant year.

For 2009-10, less than 1 per cent of decisions to refuse Australian citizenship were overturned on appeal.

For 2008-09, 0.35 per cent of decisions to refuse Australian citizenship were overturned on appeal.

For 2007-08, 0.1 per cent of decisions to refuse Australian citizenship were overturned on appeal.