

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(227) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Hurley asked:

Based on the DIMIA annual report, in 2004-2005, 463 Australian citizens lost their citizenship rights. How many lost their citizenship through renunciation and how did the remainder lose theirs? (p196, DIMIA annual report).

Answer:

In 2004-05, 96 people had renounced their Australian citizenship under section 18 of the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948* (the Act). A further 295 people were registered as having lost their Australian citizenship under the then section 17 of the Act. These losses had occurred prior to the repeal of section 17 on 4 April 2002.

The department recorded 71 children under the age of 18 as having lost their Australian citizenship under section 23 (1) of the Act following the loss or renunciation of citizenship by their parents. In 2004-05, one person was deprived of Australian citizenship.