

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0406) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash asked:

Please provide a comparison of participant completion rates under Certificates in Spoken and Written English (CSWE) since commencement with completion rates of the same time last year under the previous curriculum.

Answer:

The AMEP continues to use the Certificates in Spoken and Written English (CSWE) curriculum as the national curriculum and assessment framework. The use of a national curriculum enables consistency in assessment and reporting.

The new AMEP business model was introduced on 1 July 2011 and as such significant data is not yet available to make a comparison under the CSWE curriculum framework of completion rates between the 2010-11 and current program years.