

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0416) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Cash asked:

Please provide the number of people who sat for citizenship exams in the years 2009/2010 & YTD 2011 broken down by the type of test they sat; the pass rates for each type of test. (standard test, assisted test, course-based test) and; the number of people by their country of origin and pass rates for each.

Answer:

The following table shows the number of people who have sat the assisted and non-assisted Australian citizenship test, and the pass rates:

Test Type		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 To 31 October 2011
Assisted Test	Number of people that sat the assisted test	267	236	122
	Number of people that passed the assisted test	190	163	81
	Assisted Test Pass-rate	71.16%	69.07%	66.39%
Non-assisted Test	Number of people that sat the non-assisted test	72935	59551	21362
	Number of people that passed the non-assisted test	71193	58931	20924
	Non-assisted Test Pass rate	97.61%	98.96%	97.95%

Some clients sit both the un-assisted and assisted tests. The citizenship course-based test began on 31 May 2010 and courses are held where demand exists. A client is invited to attend a citizenship course as an alternate to the computer-based test when they have failed the test three times and there is sufficient demand to run a course in that region.

The following table shows course participants for the 33 citizenship courses held across eight locations since its inception to 31 October 2011 by their country of birth and shows the pass rates for each.

Country of Birth	FAILED	PASSED	Grand Total	Pass Rate
Afghanistan	5	84	89	94.4%
Sudan	5	60	65	92.3%
China	5	57	62	91.9%
Vietnam	3	34	37	91.9%
Iraq	2	35	37	94.6%
Cambodia	6	21	27	77.8%
Lebanon		17	17	100.0%
Myanmar		10	10	100.0%
Somalia	1	9	10	90.0%
Burundi	1	4	5	80.0%
Eritrea	1	5	6	83.3%
Ethiopia		7	7	100.0%
Egypt		3	3	100.0%
Fyr Macedonia		3	3	100.0%
Liberia		4	4	100.0%
Pakistan	1	3	4	75.0%
Sri Lanka		4	4	100.0%
Thailand		4	4	100.0%
Albania		3	3	100.0%
Burma		3	3	100.0%
China (So Stated)		2	2	100.0%
Fiji	1	2	3	66.7%
India	1	2	3	66.7%
Iran		3	3	100.0%
Kampuchea		2	2	100.0%
Syrian Arab Republic		3	3	100.0%
Taiwan		1	1	100.0%
Turkey	1	1	2	50.0%
Yugoslavia, Former		2	2	100.0%
Congo, Dem Republic		2	2	100.0%
Cyprus		2	2	100.0%
Korea, South		2	2	100.0%
Philippines		2	2	100.0%
Ghana		1	1	100.0%
Greece		1	1	100.0%
Hksar Of The PRC		1	1	100.0%
Italy		1	1	100.0%
Jordan		1	1	100.0%

Lao Peoples Dem Rep	1		1	0.0%
Malaysia		1	1	100.0%
Sierra Leone		1	1	100.0%
Timor, East		1	1	100.0%
United Arab Emirates		1	1	100.0%
Grand Total	34	405	439	92.3%

Attachment A contains tables that show the number of people from each country and their computer-based test pass rates for each for the past three program years.