

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0417) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Cash asked:

Please provide the number of people that have taken citizenship tests in the last three years with reference to the time between eligibility to, and actually sitting the citizenship test.

Answer:

The number of people who have taken citizenship tests in the last three years (1 November 2008 to 31 October 2011) is 213 197.

From 9 November 2009 until 31 October 2011, the average number of days between lodgement of application and a client sitting the test is 34.1 days. Data is not available for the period between 1 November 2008 and 8 November 2009 as during that time all permanent residents were eligible to sit the citizenship test prior to lodging their application