

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/273) - Citizenship changes - eligibility statistics - Programme 2.1:  
Citizenship**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

How many people are waiting for citizenship (applied before the changes and have not yet received notification)?

What is the expected amount of people who will be eligible when if the legislation passes? If a date is not known, how many people will be eligible in September 2017 and December 2017?

*Answer:*

There were 69,677 people who lodged citizenship (by conferral) applications prior to 20 April 2017, which had not been finalised as at 21 May 2017.

The Department is not able to determine the number of people who may choose to become and are eligible to apply for Australian citizenship.