

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(23) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Allison (L&CA 74) asked:

Is Mr Jovicic entitled to apply for Australian citizenship? If he is not entitled to apply for citizenship can you please indicate what would need to be done procedurally in order for him to be so entitled?

Answer:

Mr Jovicic is able to make an application for Australian citizenship at any time. However, in order for his application to be approved he will need to satisfy the legal requirements in section 21 of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*, as is the case for all applicants.

Most adult applicants are required to satisfy the general eligibility requirements, which include passing a citizenship test prior to making an application, being an Australian permanent resident, meeting the residence requirement, being of good character and being likely to reside or maintain a close and continuing association with Australia.