

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(35) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Ellison (L&CA 112) asked:

In relation to the people who fail the citizenship test, on their first and any subsequent test, can you tell us how many failed because they incorrectly answered a rights and responsibilities question—or ‘values’ question, as they have been termed in the media?

Answer:

Between 1 October and 31 December 2007, 1193 people failed the citizenship test because they answered a mandatory question on the responsibilities and privileges of Australian citizenship incorrectly.

Of these:

- 972 failed the test once by answering a mandatory question incorrectly
- 221 failed the test more than once by answering a mandatory question incorrectly
- 860 had passed the test on a second or subsequent attempt by 31 December 2007.