

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(347) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services**

Senator Cash asked:

How many people have had their citizenship revoked as a result of fraud in the gaining of permanent residency and citizenship?

*Answer:*

There have been no revocations of citizenship as a result of fraud since the question was asked at the October 2010 Estimates hearing.

As the Department advised in response to Question on Notice 263 in the October Estimates revocation of Australian citizenship is provided for under section 34 of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* (the Act). Under the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948* it was referred to as deprivation of citizenship.

Since the introduction of citizenship legislation on 26 January 1949, Ministers have exercised their powers to deprive a person of Australian citizenship on 14 occasions.