

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0130) PROGRAM – 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees**

Senator Furner (L&CA 121) asked:

How many people were granted citizenship in the first half of 2012/13? Was this more or less than in the preceding six months?

*Answer:*

47 940 people acquired Australian citizenship from 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012, which was slightly fewer than the 48 148 people who acquired citizenship from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012.