

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 May 2007

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(35) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Bartlett (L&CA 45) asked:

How much has been set aside for the Australian values statements?

Answer:

\$9,980,027 has been set aside over the five years from 2006-07 to 2010-11 for Australian values statements.

This includes the costs associated with: incorporation of the values statements in visa application forms, including electronic application forms; changes to visa processing IT systems; staffing costs associated with managing the implementation of the values statements; and making provision for staff to explain the values statements requirement to clients with low levels of literacy.