QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 29 MAY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(63) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Ellison (L&CA 20) asked:

- (1) Provide a copy of the list of offices used to conduct the citizenship test and their locations.
- (2) Provide a list of the locations where regional testing has been undertaken by departmental officers.

Answer.

(1) There are 13 Departmental offices in Australia where citizenship tests are available on a daily basis:

DIAC Office	Location
Parramatta	9 Wentworth Street, NSW 2150
Melbourne	2 Lonsdale Street, VIC 3000
Sydney	26 Lee Street, NSW 2000
Perth	411 Wellington Street, WA 6000
Dandenong	51 Princes Highway VIC 3175
Brisbane	299 Adelaide Street, QLD 4000
Adelaide	55 Currie Street, SA 5000
Southport	72 Nerang Street, Gold Coast, QLD 4000
Canberra (ACTRO)	3 Lonsdale Street Braddon, ACT 2612
Darwin	40 Cavanagh Street NT 0800
Cairns	85 Spence Street, QLD 4870
Hobart	188 Colins Street TAS 7000
Thursday Island	Hastings Street QLD 4870

(2a) Departmental officers regularly travel to 34 Medicare Australia and Centrelink offices throughout regional Australia to conduct tests:

Medicare Australia and Centrelink Regional Citizenship Testing Centres

Centrelink - Newcastle Medicare - Mildura Centrelink - Port Hedland Medicare - Wodonga

Medicare - Gladstone Centrelink - Wollongong

Medicare - Lismore

Centrelink - Coffs Harbour

Medicare - Launceston

Medicare - Townsville Medicare - Warrnambool

Medicare - Albany

Medicare - Bendigo Medicare - Dubbo

Medicare - Tamworth Medicare - Geelong Medicare - Mackay Medicare - Kalgoorlie

Medicare - Griffith Medicare - Geraldton

Medicare - Bunbury Medicare - Rockhampton

Medicare - Shepparton Medicare - Swan Hill

Medicare - Ballarat Medicare - Toowoomba

Medicare - Bundaberg Medicare - Batemans Bay

Medicare - Alice Springs Medicare - Port Augusta

Medicare - Wagga Wagga Medicare - Mount Isa

Medicare - Berri Medicare - Kawana Waters - Buddina

(2b) In addition, tests have also been conducted in other regional locations, predominantly in council chambers, on a periodic basis where demand has existed:

Council Chambers - Norfolk Island Mt Gambier SA

Charleville QLD Roma QLD **Emerald QLD** Derby WA Karratha WA Katherine NT Kununurra WA Port Lincon SA

Broome WA Port Augusta SA

Nhulunbuy NT