

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 29 MAY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(65) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Barnett and Nettle (L&CA 22-23, 35) asked:

- (1) Provide a breakdown on the number of citizenship tests done by individuals i.e. those that sat the test more than once.
- (2) How was the average figure of 1.2 tests per person arrived at?

Answer:

- (1) Between 1 October 2007 and 31 March 2008:
 - 30 197 tests were administered to 25 067 clients.
 - 20 898 clients passed on their first attempt.
 - 2 199 clients passed on their second attempt.
 - 684 clients passed on their third or subsequent attempt.
- (2) The average figure of 1.2 tests per person is arrived by dividing the total number of tests (30 197) by the total number of clients (25 067).