QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(67) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Ellison (L&CA 28) asked:

What is the maximum a Citizenship Support grant worth?

Answer.

Grant funding is allocated across service regions based on the estimated number of clients in each region. The largest grant approved for the 2008-09 pilot of the Citizenship Support Grants Program was \$320 000. The grant, made to Victorian Adult Multicultural Education Services, is for the provision of services to around 8 900 clients in Melbourne (excluding northern Melbourne) and regional Victoria (except Goulburn Statistical Division).