

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(58) Program 6.1 : Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Marshall (L&CA 77) asked:

How much does it cost to administer the citizenship test? If we did not have it, how much would we save?

Answer:

The citizenship test is part the larger citizenship program. We do not have the disaggregated costs for administrating the citizenship test. The 2007-08 Budget provided funding of \$123.6 million over five years to establish and implement the citizenship test. Since initial implementation, the citizenship test has been rolled into the overall costs of the citizenship program.