

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0779) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Michaelia Cash (Written) asked:

What happened to these individuals when the (citizenship) decision was overturned?

Answer:

The *Australian Citizenship Act 1948* (the old Act) and the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* (the new Act) set out the eligibility requirements for Australian citizenship.

If the individual met all of the eligibility requirements for acquiring Australian citizenship after the decision to refuse citizenship was overturned, then the individual would acquire citizenship under the relevant Act.