

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0488) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash (L&CA 93) asked:

How many clients exited the AMEP program for the year to date? What levels of achievement were attained by exiting clients broken down to the certificates in spoken and written English levels I, II and III and the certificates of attainment?

Answer:

In the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP), eligible clients are entitled to 510 hours of English language tuition over five years as prescribed by legislation.

Clients are no longer eligible for the AMEP and are deemed exited if they:

- have completed 510 hours;
- participated in the program for five years; or
- have attained functional English/completed Certificate in Spoken and Written English (CSWE) Level III.

From 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012, 1523 clients were no longer eligible for the AMEP. Of these clients:

- 132 completed exactly 510 hours of AMEP;
- 60 reached five years in the program; and
- 1331 achieved functional English.

The levels of achievement attained by these 1523 clients are provided in the table below.

	Pre-CSWE	CSWE Level I	CSWE Level II	CSWE Level III
Completed five years	4	31	14	11
Completed 510 hours	1	83	35	13
Achieved Functional English	-	-	-	1331