

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0489) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash (L&CA 93) asked:

Is it correct that almost 50% of AMEP participants exited the program with almost non-functioning English?

Answer:

In the period 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012, of the 1523 clients who were no longer eligible, only 192 clients did not achieve functional English. This represents less than 13 per cent of the total number of clients that exited the program.