

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE12/0491) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees**

Senator Cash (L&CA 94) asked:

Provide the Committee with any research and evaluation in relation to the AMEP program?

*Answer:*

In 2008-09, the department funded a longitudinal research project entitled: *Language Training and Settlement Success: Are they related?* The final report is available at:

[http://www.ameprc.mq.edu.au/docs/LanguageTrainingSettlement\\_.pdf](http://www.ameprc.mq.edu.au/docs/LanguageTrainingSettlement_.pdf)

The study interviewed 134 Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) clients over 12 months to obtain an understanding of their English language use and how effectively the AMEP met their communication needs in early settlement.

In June 2011, the department engaged Macquarie University to extend the work of the initial study.

The second phase, *AMEP Longitudinal Study 2011-2014*, will consider settlement indicators and outcomes of the clients in the new AMEP business model and compare the findings with the initial study.