

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0506) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Cash (L&CA 102) asked:

During 2010-11, how many applicants ended up re-sitting the Australian citizenship test, out of the 73,898? How many people are expected to be tested in 2011-12?

Answer:

In 2010-11, the 73 898 administered Australian citizenship tests were attempted by a total of 59 787 clients. Of these clients, 55 754 passed the test on their first attempt (93.3 per cent) and 3337 passed on a subsequent attempt (5.6 per cent).

Forecasting the number of clients who are likely to be tested in 2011-12 is difficult due to high variability in the number of clients who sit the test on a month-by-month basis.