

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(55) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&C 123) asked:

In relation to the granting of Australian citizenship to Tatiana Borodulina, provide the details of the application, in particular, the character aspect.

Answer:

As reported in the media, Ms Tatiana Borodulina has become an Australian citizen under the new special residence provisions enacted on 21 September 2009. Like all other adult applicants seeking citizenship, Ms Borodulina was required to meet all the legislative criteria, including passing a citizenship test and being of good character. All applicants for citizenship aged 18 and over undergo criminal and other checks to ensure they are of good character.