

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(118) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Barnett (L&CA 116) asked:

What does the Australian Citizenship Code say about the provision of gifts at citizenship ceremonies?

Answer:

In relation to the provision of gifts at citizenship ceremonies the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code states:

“Local government councils and community organisations conducting citizenship ceremonies may choose to present gifts to new citizens to mark the acquisition of citizenship. This is entirely voluntary on the part of those conducting citizenship ceremonies.

Examples of appropriate gifts include:

- *An item reflecting Indigenous culture*
- *A native plant (trees or large shrub are not appropriate)*
- *The words of the Australian National Anthem*
- *A free copy of a photograph of the occasion”*