

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(SE11/0409) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees**

Senator Cash asked:

How many people utilised youth classes to learn English? Please provide a breakdown of numbers of people for this by years 2009, 2010, 2011 YTD and costs per year and postcode where client resides.

*Answer:*

A feature of the new AMEP business model introduced on 1 July 2011 is greater accessibility to the program for youth aged 15-17 years who are not participating in the school system. Where class numbers are viable, the delivery of youth only classes is strongly supported.

No data is available on youth classes for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 program years and, as the model has been in place only a short time, meaningful data for 2011-2012 is unable to be provided at this stage.