

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0690) PROGRAM – 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services**

Senator Humphries (L&CA 122) asked:

Is Minister Lundy prepared to approach the ACT government to request that they honour the spirit and the letter of the Citizenship Ceremonies Code that the Australian Government imposes on all organisations that conduct citizenship ceremonies?

*Answer:*

When an issue regarding Australian citizenship ceremonies is raised, the department follows up with ceremony organisers to ensure that they are aware of their obligations under the Australian citizenship ceremonies code.

Departmental officers met with ACT Legislative Assembly staff on Monday 29 October 2012 and discussed the importance of following the Australian citizenship ceremonies code in relation to speeches by official guests.