

The Committee Secretary,
Senate legal and Constitutional Committee,

Dear Sir,

Re: Citizenship Bill 2005 - Supplement to submission 12

In the penultimate paragraph of my submission dated 23rd December 2006 i stated " I would greatly appreciate it if you would consider my case and allow the very small number of people in my position.....". I have now done some research into the likely numbers and these are indeed small - about 700 likely to be eligible and this is a finite and decreasing number.

I set out below my calculations;

approx 1 million Immigrants from UK in post war years Up to late 1960s

of these approx 20% children 200,000

12.6% net returned to UK(Hugo p 50 25,200
(Immigration and Integration: Australia and Britain Ed David Lowe 1995)

some 88% of returnees intended to do so as soon as possible (Immigration Dept case records) thus number who would have lived in Australia for much more than four years (12%)
3,024

Say one third of all males did National Service and woujld thus be elligible to return and claim citizenship under existing legislation approx 504 leaving
2,520

Those married to Australian spouse, born of an Australian parent or entitled to citizenship by other existing legislation say 200
leaving 2,320

Those who actually were told about registration (1%) 23
leaving 2,297

Those who failed to maintain close and continuing contact with Australia (say 66% (1516) - although from my experience it would be nearer 80% leaving
781

Died Say 10% leaving 703

of these, of course, not all would decide to take out Australian citizenship and, certainly, after all these years very few would ever move back to Australia to live. However they would be better ambassadors for Australia as the Australian citizens they once thought they were.

Surely Australia could welcome such a small number of us back into the Australian family.

Yours faithfully

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