



## Freedom of Information Request FA 20/01/00576

**1. The number of applicants awaiting their citizenship ceremony in SA in the year 2020.**

*As at 21 February 2020, a total of 1,812 people are scheduled to attend an Australian citizenship ceremony in SA.*

**2. Number of requests that the Department has received for early citizenship ceremonies in SA in the past 3 years with the reason categories.**

*In relation to questions 2 to 4, the Department is unable to provide information on requests for early citizenship ceremonies as these requests are not currently recorded in a reportable format.*

**3. Number of requests approved by the Department in the past 3 years for early citizenship ceremony on the reason/category for the students going to University in SA.**

*As above.*

**4. Number of requests not approved by the Department in the past 3 years for early citizenship ceremony on the reason/category for the students going to University in SA.**

*As above.*

**5. Document that contains schedule of citizenship ceremonies for South Australian applicants in all Councils of SA for the year 2020. Please note this is the document that contains the annual schedule of citizenship ceremonies as per the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code 2019. In case schedule of all Councils is not available, please provide the document that provides the schedule for citizenship ceremonies for City of Burnside Council for the year 2020.**

*The Department does not have access to schedules of citizenship ceremonies to be delivered by Councils for the entire 2020 calendar year.*

**6. Document that contains the delegate's authority that approves the requests for the early citizenship ceremonies based on the urgent ceremony criteria in SA.**

*No such document exists.*

**7. Document that contains KPIs of the Department, which reduces the number of citizenship applicants and strategies to improve the processing time of citizenship applications.**

*A range of information including lodgement to decision timeframes is available on the Department's website at:*

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/citizenship-processing-times>

**8. Document that contains the mandatory obligations to be carried out by the Councils for conducting citizenship ceremonies with respect to timing, planning and scheduling in SA.**

*The Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (the Code) sets out the legal and other requirements for conducting citizenship ceremonies as well as the roles and responsibilities for those involved in citizenship ceremonies. The Code provides guidance to organisations to help plan and conduct citizenship ceremonies. A copy of the code can be found at the following link:*

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship-subsite/files/australian-citizenship-ceremonies-code.pdf>