

**Estimates Committee 2005**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

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Subject: Multicultural Advancement - Top 5 Languages

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**8-9**  
**Question:** What are the top five most spoken languages other than English in the Territory and what do these groups represent as a percentage of the Territory community?

**Answer:**  
Answered On: 28/07/2005

Response to Question 8.9

1.1 Top five most spoken languages in the Territory other than English

<b>LANGUAGE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PERSONS</b>	<b>% OF NT POPULATION</b>
Australian Indigenous languages (not further defined)	5,515	2.9%
Northern Aboriginal, (not elsewhere classified).	3776	2%
Warlpiri	2,871	1.5%
Greek	2,821	1.5%
Arrente	2,389	1.3%

1.2 Top five most spoken languages in the Northern Territory other than English or Indigenous languages

<b>LANGUAGE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PERSONS</b>	<b>% OF NT POPULATION</b>
Greek	2,821	1.5%
Tagalog (Filipino)	1,195	.6%
Italian	894	.5%
Cantonese	809	.4%
German	714	.4%

1.3 Top five most spoken languages at home in the Northern Territory by persons who speak English not well or not at all – other than English or Indigenous languages

<b>LANGUAGE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PERSONS</b>	<b>% OF NT POPULATION</b>
Greek	511	.3%
Vietnamese	246	.1%
Hakka	204	.1%
Cantonese	184	.1%
Mandarin	97	.1%

Source: *The People of the Northern Territory Statistics from the 2001 Census*, Australian Government, Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and Northern Territory Government, Office of Ethnic Affairs, 2003