

**Question on notice no. 236**

**Portfolio question number: AE22-236**

**2021-22 Additional estimates**

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio**

**Senator Nick McKim:** asked the Department of Home Affairs on 14 February 2022

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**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
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 Department of Home Affairs**

**Program 3.5: Onshore Compliance and Detention**

**AE22-236 - Ministerial intervention requests**

Senator Nick McKim asked:

How many ministerial intervention requests have been made over the past five (5) years?

a. Please provide a breakdown of ministers (Dutton, Andrews, Hawke, Wood, etc.).

*Answer:*

**Number of lodged ministerial intervention requests/referrals as at 31 December 2021**

Ministerial Power	195A*	48B	46A***	351/417
2017-18	1286 (1328 persons)	159**	N/A	1177 (1846 persons)
2018-19	813 (870 persons)	698	N/A	854 (1364 persons)
2019-20	630 (654 persons)	546	N/A	844 (1447 persons)
2020-21	1067 (1078 persons)	429	N/A	967 (1584 persons)
2021-22	892 (905 persons)	394	N/A	529 (850 persons)

*Data sourced from Departmental Systems. As data has been drawn from a dynamic source, any historical figures provided may differ slightly in previous or future reporting*

\* Section 195A data prior to 2019-20 relied on manual reporting which may impact the reliability of data.

\*\*Accurate reporting on ministerial intervention under section 48B is not available prior March 2018.

\*\*\*Accurate reporting on ministerial intervention under section 46A(2) of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) is not available.

a. As ministerial intervention requests are not recorded by Minister, this data is not available on departmental systems.