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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years?
a. Please provide a breakdown of ministers (Dutton, Andrews, Hawke, Wood, etc.) .
Answer —
Please see the attached answer.

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Program 3.5: Onshore Compliance and Detention

AE22-236 - Ministerial intervention requests

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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.