

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/152) PROGRAMME – 1.3: Migration, Border Management and Citizenship

Senator Singh (L&CA 109) asked:

Dr Southern: For section 417 and 351, they allow the minister to intervene after applications have gone through a merits review process at either the MRT or the RRT. It would depend on the visa that the person was seeking the review of. If someone had been knocked back for a skilled migration visa, the minister could intervene and grant that kind of visa. I am not sure if we can, in going back to the records, break it down by visa class, but we should be able to.

Mr Allen: Overall, I think we would need to take most of the question on notice, particularly for sections 351 and 417. Under section 48B, it is about allowing a person who has had a protection visa refused or cancelled to make a new PV application onshore. That would be a protection visa grant. Under section 195A, he can grant a visa to a person in detention. Again, there would be various visas that could be granted in those circumstances and I am afraid we would have to take that on notice. Senator SINGH: Okay, take that on notice.

Answer:

Ministerial intervention visa grants 2013-2014 programme year as at 31 May 2014

Visa type	Grant number
Former Resident (subclass 151) visa	249
New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (subclass 461) (Temporary) visa	3
State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional) (subclass 163) visa	1
Schools Sector (subclass 571) visa	1
Business Visitor Activity (subclass 600) visa	67
Business (subclass 457) (Long Stay) visa	7
Medical Treatment (subclass 602) visa	7
Medical Treatment (subclass 685) (Long Stay) visa	1
Temporary Work (subclass 401)(Long Stay Activity) visa	4
Skilled – Graduate (subclass 485) visa	35
Vocational Education and Training Sector (subclass 572) visa	3
Higher Education Sector (subclass 573) visa	1
Removal Pending Bridging (subclass 070) visa	10
Bridging visa B (subclass 020)	2
Bridging visa E (subclass 050)	10 071

Humanitarian Stay (subclass 449) (Temporary) visa	10 021
Temporary Humanitarian Concern (subclass 786) visa	113
Total	20 596