

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/234) - Ministerial intervention requests - Programme 2.3: Visas**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Provide the number of requests for ministerial intervention were received in:

2012/2013

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

Provide the number of times the Minister or his delegate intervened in favour of the applicant in:

2012/2013

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

Provide the number of requests for Ministerial Intervention considered by the Minister in:

2012/2013

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

Provide the number of requests for Ministerial Intervention considered by the Assistant Minister in:

2012/2013

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

*Answer:*

Requests under sections 351 and 417 of the *Migration Act 1958*

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17*
Received (persons)	5164	6502	5059	4258	2494
Referred (persons)	3675	3624	2771	3459	1438
Intervened – visas granted (persons)	951	415	386	695	690

\*To 30 April 2017

Ministerial intervention public interest powers are personal and non-delegable. Only a portfolio Minister, whether the Minister or the Assistant Minister, is able to exercise the powers.

The Department does not actively collect a breakdown of data on requests considered by the Minister and Assistant Minister. To compile this information manually would represent an inappropriate diversion of resources.