

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Nettle (L&CA 22) asked:

How many staff currently work on Ministerial interventions?

Also, in the Sydney office in particular, how many staff are involved in the process of Ministerial interventions? Can you also provide figures about how many Ministerial interventions were dealt with in the last six months of last year?

I was asking for the staffing figures as well – perhaps it would be useful if you could provide how many staff were working on Ministerial interventions in the last six months of last year, because you indicated there had been a change.

Answer:

20 in NSW.

From 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006, NSW Office finalised 1167 requests for Ministerial intervention (1539 persons).

In the last six months of 2006, there were between 52 and 66 officers dealing with Ministerial intervention matters.