QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0221) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

How many requests for intervention did the Minister receive to exercise his powers under section 417 of the Migration Act in the year to date?

Answer.

Annual and six monthly figures on Ministerial Intervention under section 417 will be published on the DIAC website at:

www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/

This information will be updated bi-annually.