

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005**

**IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

**(42) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay**

Senator Nettle asked:

How many section 417s has Minister Cobb approved since he became a Minister?

*Answer:*

Minister Cobb was appointed as Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs on 6 July 2005.

As of 30 September 2005 he has exercised his public interest powers and substituted a more favourable decision in 5 cases [17 persons].