

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 OCTOBER 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(43) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Ellison (L&CA 82) asked:

In relation to section 417 Ministerial interventions, provide an update to question on notice no. 25 from the May 2008 Estimates hearings.

Answer:

(1) For the 2007/08 Financial Year, as at 4 July 2008, there were:

- 1351 requests on hand with the Department either awaiting referral to the Minister or other finalisation- of those some 277 requests had undergone preliminary assessment but had yet to be formally assessed against the Ministerial Intervention Guidelines;
- 403 requests had been referred to the Minister and were undergoing further processing for resubmission; and
- 381 requests were at the Minister's Office.

The above represents a total of 2135 requests.

[Source: Monthly ICSE data extract for 4 July 2008]

(1a) For the 2008/09 Financial Year, as at 12 December 2008, there were:

- 1668 requests on hand with the Department either awaiting referral to the Minister or other finalisation- of those some 205 requests had undergone preliminary assessment but had yet to be formally assessed against the Ministerial Intervention Guidelines;
- 257 requests had been referred to the Minister and were undergoing further processing for resubmission; and
- 372 requests were at the Ministers Office.

The above represents a total of 2297 requests.

[Source: Weekly ICSE data extract for 12 December 2008]

(2) Between 7 December 2007 and 4 July 2008, some 1963 requests for intervention under section 417 and 501J were sent to the Minister's office. In the same period some 2064 requests were finalised by the Minister.

[Source: Weekly ICSE data extract for 4 July 2008]

(2b) For the 2008/09 Financial Year, as at 12 December 2008, some 971 requests for intervention under section 417 and 501J were sent to the Minister's office. In the same period some 746 requests were finalised by the Minister.

[Source: Weekly ICSE data extract for 12 December 2008]

(3) For s417/s501J Intervention requests during the 2008/09 Financial Year, as at 12 December 2008, there were some 874 Bridging Visas granted whilst the intervention request was being processed.

[Source: Weekly ICSE data extract for 12 December 2008]