

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0433) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Hanson-Young (written) asked:

How many applications for Ministerial Intervention have been received from IMAs in 2011-12? How many of these applications have been received from asylum seekers originating in Afghanistan? How many of these have been finalised by the Department rather than the Minister?

Answer:

Prior to 24 March 2012 IMAs could not request Ministerial Intervention (MI) under sections 417 or 48B of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act).

IMAs who arrived on or after 24 March 2012 but prior to 13 August 2012 are being considered through the statutory Protection visa (PV) process. Under the statutory PV process, where an IMA has had a decision by the Refugee Review Tribunal they are eligible to request MI under sections 417 and 48B of the Act.

For the period 24 March 2012 to 30 June 2012 there have not been any requests for MI by IMAs under sections 417 and/or 48B of the Act.