



**DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND
MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS**

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Secretary
Select Committee on Ministerial Discretion in
Migration Matters
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA 2600



Dear Mr Sands

Further to my letter to you of 19 September 2003, I am writing again with regard to questions taken on notice by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs at and subsequent to the public hearing in Canberra on 5 September 2003 of the Inquiry into Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters.

2. As outlined in her letter of 15 September 2003 to the Chair, Senator Ludwig, Deputy Secretary Ms Godwin indicated that we were continuing to analyse data in respect of the list of representations by Parliamentarians and prominent individuals/community groups in relation to outcomes and country of origin since 1999. Ms Godwin also noted that all further statistical information and analysis provided by the Department would be based on data current as at 29 August 2003.

3. Please find attached analysis that has now been undertaken in this regard. This information comprises:

- Analysis of outcomes of s417 and s351 requests (date range November 1999 – 29 August 2003)
- Total caseload information – Top 10 individuals/community groups
- Nationality of clients covered by s351 and s417 intervention requests by the Top 10 individuals/community groups (date range November 1999 – 29 August 2003).

Yours sincerely

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Table 1: Analysis of Outcomes of s417 and s351 Requests (Date Range November 1999 - 29 August 2003)

Top 10 Individuals/Community Groups	Intervention Correspondence ¹	Number of s417, s351 Requests	Cases	Intervened (Cases)	Not Intervened (Cases)	Other ² (Cases)
Amnesty International	162	126	68	11	51	6
Le, Marion	75	64	20	6	6	8
Fijian-Australian Community Council	63	49	44	0	36	8
Hogarth, Libby	56	43	22	4	9	9
Kisrwan, Karim	56	55	55 ³	17	19	19
Flynn, Maryellen	37	37	1	0	1	0
Sisters of Mercy	37	37	20	11	8	1
Sisters of Charity Advocacy Network	36	36	1	1	0	0
Alamdar/Thompson, Gail	34	34	1	1	0	0
Hotham Mission	30	28	21	3	15	3
Total:	586	509				

Table 2: Total Caseload Information - Top 10 Individuals/Community Groups ⁴

	Intervention Correspondence ¹	Number of s417, s351 Requests	Cases	Intervened (Cases)	Not Intervened (Cases)	Other ² (Cases)
Top 10 Individuals / Community Groups	586	509	243	48	141	54

Notes:

These figures are based on the list provided to the Committee on 15 September 2003.

¹ The figures include intervention requests other than s351 and s417, such as those relating to s48b.

² Includes those cases still in process or otherwise finalised eg client withdrawn.

³ Case count and status reconciled manually with list provided by Ms Gillard MP.

⁴ It is not possible to directly match the case data in Tables 1 and 2, as in some cases more than one individual or community group has made a request on the same case, and this is reflected in Table 1. The information in Table 2 is the total number of discrete cases covered by requests made by the Top 10 individuals or community groups.

The figures above are based on manual interrogation of available data from PCMS, crosschecked by manual interrogation of the ICSE.

**NATIONALITY OF CLIENTS COVERED BY S351 AND S417 INTERVENTION
REQUESTS BY THE TOP 10 INDIVIDUALS/COMMUNITY GROUPS
(Date Range Nov 1999 - 29 August 2003)**

Country of Citizenship	Cases	Country of Citizenship	Cases
Lebanon	49	Bosnia-Herzegovina	1
Fiji	41	United Kingdom	1
Iran	18	Taiwan	1
Sri Lanka	15	Australia	1
Algeria	9	Ukraine	1
China, Peoples Republic of	7	Angola	1
Colombia	7	Vanuatu	1
Yugoslavia, Fed Republic of	7	Chile	1
Somalia	6	Thailand	1
Ethiopia	6	Brazil	1
Afghanistan	5	Congo	1
Albania	5	Kuwait	1
Burma (Myanmar)	4	Eritrea	1
Cambodia, the Kingdom of	3	Pakistan	1
Kenya	3	Ghana	1
Bangladesh	3	Senegal	1
Indonesia	3	Russian Federation	1
Jordan	3	Romania	1
Vietnam	3	Philippines	1
Syria	3	Peru	1
Iraq	2	Libya	1
Turkey	2	Nepal	1
Stateless	2	Czechoslovakia	1
India	2	Others ¹	6
South Korea	2	Total	243
Egypt, Arab Republic of	2		
Palestinian Authority	2		

Note:

These figures are based on the list provided to the Committee on 15 September 2003.

¹ Includes cases where the nationality varies within the case or where the nationality is not recorded in DIMIA systems in a manner which is reportable