

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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

Senator Nettle (L&CA 20) asked:

I understand that prior to leaving the portfolio Senator Vanstone dealt with a number of Ministerial intervention cases. Is there any way that we can get the number of those that were dealt with in, say, in December and January – in the last period of time before she left the portfolio?

Since Senator Vanstone has finished her period as minister, I would also be interested in how Senator Vanstone's record on Ministerial intervention compares with the minister prior to her, Minister Ruddock.

*Answer:*

### Ministerial Intervention Statistics – Minister Vanstone – December 06/January 07

During the months of December 2006 and January 2007, Minister Vanstone finalised some 1003 section 417 cases (1316 persons), both community and detention, and granted 369 visas.

### Ministerial Intervention Comparison – Mr Ruddock and Senator Vanstone

It is not possible to make direct comparisons on Ministerial intervention rates between Ministers as they dealt with different caseloads.