

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(80) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash asked:

How many requests for intervention did the Minister receive to exercise his powers under section 351 of the Migration Act in 2009 – 10 and in the year to date?

*Answer:*

In program year 2009 -10, 1373 requests were made to the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship to intervene under section 351 of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) to substitute a decision more favourable to a person for a decision made by the Migration Review Tribunal (MRT).

In the 2010 - 11 program year as at 25 February 2011, 810 requests were made to the Minister to intervene under section 351 of the Act to substitute a decision more favourable to a person for a decision made by the MRT.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Current program year figures are generated from DIAC Systems data as at 25 February 2011. Figures for program years 2009-10 are from DIAC Systems data as at 02 July 2010.