

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 MAY 2008

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(23) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Ellison (L&CA 52) asked:

(1) What are the current caseloads of 351 visa categories? I will break it down: in the department's initial processing stage, if that makes sense; in the stage of further processing, if there is one; the cases at the minister's office; unassessed cases; and the total of that.

(2) From 7 December to date, how many have been sent to the minister's office and how many finalised?

*Answer:*

(1) As at 10 June 2008, there were:

- A total of 446 unresolved requests with the Department under section 351. Of those:
  - 32 were undergoing further health and character processing;
  - 339 were in Departmental Initial Processing (DIP) stage, including a total of 66 unassessed cases; and
  - 75 cases were at the Minister's office.

(2) From 7 December 2007 to 10 June 2008, 302 requests for intervention under section 351 were sent to the Minister's office. Of those, 226 were finalised as at 10 June 2008.