

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 MAY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(24) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Ellison (L&CA 53) asked:

How many bridging visas have been granted while the request for intervention is being finalised?

Answer:

For Section 351 Intervention requests during the 2007 - 08 financial year, as at 6 June 2008, there were approximately 430 Bridging Visas granted whilst the intervention request was being processed.

(This data is regarded as indicative data only, due to system data entry issues).

For section 417 and section 501J Intervention requests during the 2007 - 08 financial year, as at 6 June 2008, there were approximately 1419 Bridging Visas granted whilst the intervention request was being processed.