QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(27) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay Output 1.4: Compliance

Senator Barnett (L&CA 54) asked:

- (1) What proportion of those not granted ministerial intervention are then removed?
- (2) What proportion leaves voluntarily and how many are supervised departures?
- (3) How many seek litigation and how many disappear?

Answer:

We are currently unable to provide data from the current program year in regard to these questions.

However, a longitudinal study conducted earlier in 2008 on humanitarian Ministerial Intervention (MI under sections 417 and 501J) clients who were finalised in the 2005-06 program year was undertaken by Onshore Protection Branch.

Data was selected for all Humanitarian MI clients who were finalised in the 2005-06 program year where the request was their first Humanitarian MI request and the Protection visa application to which the request related was finally determined after an adverse Refugee Review Tribunal decision. Data was manually checked and known errors rectified.

Of the 1,125 clients investigated, as at 18 January 2008:

- 27.4% (308 clients) have been granted a substantive visa in Australia;
- 47.2% (531 clients) have departed Australia without the grant of a substantive visa; and
- 25.4% (286 clients) remain in Australia despite at least one unsuccessful MI request.