

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0222) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash asked:

In relation to intervention requests under section 417, how many times did the Minister intervene to grant a visa?

*Answer:*

Annual and six monthly figures on Ministerial Intervention under section 417 will be published on the DIAC website at:

[www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/](http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/)

This information will be updated bi-annually.