

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(155) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Bartlett asked:

To date, how many visas have been issued to a person in immigration (detention) by the Minister under the new powers recently granted to her under the Act?

Answer:

As 29 November 2005, the Minister has used the new non-compellable public interest power under section 195A of the *Migration Act 1958* to grant visas to 31 persons in immigration detention. This comprises 19 Bridging R (Class WR) subclass 070: Removal Pending Bridging Visas, 11 Protection (Class XA) subclass 785: Temporary Protection Visas and 1 Partner(Migrant) (Class BC) subclass 100: Spouse Visa.