



Freedom of Information Request: FA 19/06/00486

The number of requests for, and grants of ministerial intervention under sections ~~486~~, 195A, 197AB and 417/ 351 (combined) of the migration act 1958 from 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2019.

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Section 195A statistics

	01/01/2017- 30/06/2017	01/07/2017 – 30/06/2018	01/07/2018 – 30/06/2019
Number of requests received (by person)	756 persons	1347 persons	1006 persons
Number of persons referred to a Minister	508 persons	1210 persons	597 persons
Number of decisions to intervene (by person)	292 persons	981 persons	449 persons
Number of decisions otherwise finalised* (by person)	89 persons	58 persons	48 persons

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	01/07/2017 – 30/06/2018	01/07/2018 – 30/06/2019
Percentage of requests received by country of citizenship*	Iran – 34.76% Sri Lanka – 15.61% Vietnam – 7.84% Afghanistan – 6.85% Claimed stateless persons – 6.61% Bangladesh – 5.53% Iraq – < 5% Pakistan – < 5% Sudan – < 5% Somalia – < 5% 72 other nationalities account for 13.12%	Iran – 31.05% Claimed stateless persons – 12.69% Sri Lanka – 6.51% Bangladesh – 6.34% Iraq – 5.18% Pakistan – < 5% Afghanistan – < 5% Vietnam – < 5% Sudan – < 5% Somalia – < 5% 72 other nationalities account for 22.2%

*Please note that data is an approximation, as some 195A records do not clearly capture citizenship details or the citizenship details of a person are not recorded.

NB: Data regarding citizenship was not captured under section 195A in the period 01/01/2017 – 30/06/2017.

Section 197AB statistics

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	01/01/2017- 30/06/2017	01/07/2017 – 30/06/2018	01/07/2018 – 30/06/2019
Number of requests received (by person)	136 persons	467 persons	182 persons
Number of persons referred to a Minister	137 persons	404 persons	130 persons
Number of decisions to intervene (by person)	164 persons	385 persons	101 persons
Number of decisions otherwise finalised*	6 persons	12 persons	22 persons

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NB: Available data sets regarding Ministerial Intervention requests do not capture citizenship statistics.

Section 351/417 statistics

	01/01/2017- 30/06/2017	01/07/2017 – 30/06/2018	01/07/2018 – 30/06/2019
Number of requests received (by person)	1256 persons	1826 persons	1364 persons
Number of persons referred to a Minister	786 persons	955 persons	220 persons
Number of decisions to intervene (by person)	381 persons	413 persons	96 persons
Number of decisions otherwise finalised*	404 persons	411 persons	46 persons

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Country of citizenship of persons seeking Ministerial Intervention under sections 351/417

Number of requests (by person) received			
Country of citizenship	01/01/2017- 30/06/2017	01/07/2017 – 30/06/2018	01/07/2018 – 30/06/2019
AFGHANISTAN	6	15	6
BANGLADESH	39	56	53
BRAZIL	5	28	6
BRITAIN	26	61	19
CAMBODIA	6	15	8
CHILE	<5	<5	9
CHINA	135	154	101
COLOMBIA	6	17	21
EGYPT	99	41	20
ETHIOPIA	<5	<5	10
FIJI	71	87	103
FRANCE	<5	6	5
GERMANY	5	<5	<5
GHANA	<5	9	9
GREECE	5	12	<5
HONG KONG	12	11	<5
HUNGARY	8	<5	<5
INDIA	145	229	167
INDONESIA	8	45	19
IRAN	15	37	12
IRAQ	<5	5	6

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IRELAND, REPUBLIC OF	<5	5	14
ISRAEL	<5	9	<5
ITALY	<5	10	12
JAPAN	<5	8	<5
JORDAN	11	13	14
KENYA	7	5	10
KOREA, SOUTH	49	62	54
LEBANON	38	45	48
MALAWI	<5	8	<5
MALAYSIA	51	87	58
MAURITIUS	19	11	6
MONGOLIA	7	<5	6
MYANMAR	<5	9	<5
NEPAL	21	29	50
NEW ZEALAND	6	6	10
NIGERIA	15	23	12
PAKISTAN	73	80	35
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	8	25	14
PERU	9	<5	11
PHILIPPINES	43	77	73
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	<5	14	<5
SINGAPORE	5	6	5
SOLOMON ISLANDS	<5	8	<5
SOUTH AFRICA	16	48	20
SRI LANKA	51	97	91
SUDAN	<5	6	<5
SWEDEN	8	<5	<5
TAIWAN	5	11	6
TANZANIA	<5	<5	6
THAILAND	7	15	15
TOGO	<5	10	<5
TONGA	30	40	7
TURKEY	5	16	5
UKRAINE	<5	5	7
UNITED KINGDOM	8	8	17
USA	11	11	7
VIETNAM	72	111	56
ZAMBIA	11	6	6
ZIMBABWE	11	8	32
OTHER*	42	53	60

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Section 48B statistics

	01/01/2017- 30/06/2017	01/07/2017 – 30/06/2018	01/07/2018 – 30/06/2019
Number of requests received (by person)	411 persons	1030 persons	967 persons
Number of persons referred to a Minister	14 persons	65 persons	<5 person(s)
Number of decisions to intervene (by person)	14 persons	60 persons	<5 person(s)
Number of decisions otherwise finalised* (by person)	474 persons	799 persons	891 persons

** Otherwise finalised includes any case referred to a Minister, where a decision to intervene was not made, or not referred to the Minister owing to a person no meeting the threshold of Ministerial Intervention guidelines.*

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Country of citizenship of persons seeking Ministerial Intervention under section 48B

Country of citizenship	01/01/2017-30/06/2017	01/07/2017 – 30/06/2018	01/07/2018 – 30/06/2019
MALAYSIA	27.3%	27.8%	23.4%
SRI LANKA	6.6%	9.1%	25.0%
CHINA (EXC. SAR)	6.3%	8.5%	8.2%
FIJI	4.6%	3.9%	7.7%
IRAN	3.2%	5.4%	5.9%
PAKISTAN	9.2%	3.9%	2.2%
INDIA	5.1%	4.6%	3.2%
BANGLADESH	5.1%	2.1%	4.3%
INDONESIA	2.2%	5.0%	1.7%
VIETNAM	5.4%	3.4%	1.2%
Other	25.1%	26.3%	17.3%
Total	100%	100%	100%