

## FOI Request FA 21/06/00394

The number of requests for Ministerial Intervention made during each year of 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 under:

- Section 351 of the Migration Act
- Section 417 of the Migration Act
- Section 195A of the Migration Act

Number of requests finalised during each year of 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 under:

- Section 351
- Section 417
- Section 195A

Number of visas granted through Ministerial Intervention during each year of 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, broken down by requests under:

- Section 351
- Section 417
- Section 195A

	01/01/2017 - 30/06/2017	FY2017/18	FY2018/19	FY2019/20	01/07/2020 - 31/12/2020
<b>Section 351</b>					
<b>Requests made</b>	491 (719 persons)	652 (1051 persons)	516 (856 persons)	505 (902 persons)	374 (615 persons)
<b>Requests Finalised</b>	730 (1112 persons)	864 (1390 persons)	384 (632 persons)	391 (686 persons)	141 (218 persons)
<b>Visas Granted</b>	296	260	71	103	42
<b>Section 417</b>					
<b>Requests made</b>	363 (563 persons)	525 (795 persons)	338 (508 persons)	339 (545 persons)	136 (198 persons)
<b>Requests Finalised</b>	475 (749 persons)	634 (998 persons)	282 (409 persons)	290 (451 persons)	95 (146 persons)
<b>Visas Granted</b>	88	153	25	18	5
<b>Section 195A</b>					
<b>Requests made</b>	347 (persons)	1331 (persons)	877 (persons)	658 (persons)	720 (persons)
<b>Requests Finalised</b>	347 (persons)	1404 (persons)	1990 (persons)	642 (persons)	682 (persons)
<b>Visas Granted</b>	160	1615	497	376	626

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For the visas granted through Ministerial Intervention under s351, during the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020, please provide a breakdown by:

- Country of origin of the visa holder
- Subclass of visa granted
- Number of cases where the visa holder has an Australian citizen or permanent resident child. \*

\* We are unable to report on the number of cases where a visa holder has an Australian citizen or permanent resident child as existing data reports do not contain this information and there is no capacity in Departmental systems for this information to be recorded and sourced for data reports in this context. Manual checks of individual submissions would need to be undertaken, noting that there are 623 cases (1061 persons) under sections 351 & 417 which would require review for this purpose. It is estimated that it would take one officer approximately a week to manually check each case, followed by further review to ensure the reliability of the information.

s351 MI Visas Granted - 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020	
Country of Origin	Section 351 (persons)
United Kingdom	104
Philippines	63
India	55
South Korea	43
Vietnam	35
China	34
South Africa	34
Fiji	27
Malaysia	23
Kenya	21
Papua New Guinea	19
Sri Lanka	16
Italy	15
Zimbabwe	14
Tonga	13
Ireland, Republic Of	12
USA	12
Lebanon	11
Indonesia	11
Thailand	10
Pakistan	9
Albania	8
Cambodia	8
Singapore	8
New Zealand	8
Bangladesh	7
Denmark	7
Mauritius	7
Samoa	6

s351 MI Visas Granted - 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020	
Country of Origin	Section 351 (persons)
Canada	6
Hong Kong	6
Iran	5
Serbia	5
Chile	5
Greece	5
Other**	100

\*\* Visa holders from a country of origin where less than five visas were granted through section 351 Ministerial Intervention, have been grouped together under the 'Other' category

s351 MI Visa Granted - 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020	
Visa Subclass	Section 351 (persons)
151 (Former Resident)	429
600 (Visitor)	198
602 (Medical Treatment)	70
485 (Temporary Graduate)	49
500 (Student)	8
457 (Temporary Work (Skilled))	7
Other***	11

\*\*\* Visa holders granted a visa in a subclass where less than five visas were granted through section 351 Ministerial Intervention, have been grouped together under the 'Other' category

For the visas granted through Ministerial Intervention under s417, during the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020, please provide a breakdown by:

- Country of origin of the visa holder
- Subclass of visa granted
- Number of cases where the visa holder has an Australian citizen or permanent resident child.\*

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s417 MI Visas Granted - 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020	
Country of Origin	Section 417 (persons)
Egypt	114
Lebanon	21
China	16
Fiji	16
Iran	12
Malaysia	10
South Africa	8
Philippines	6
South Korea	6
Pakistan	6
India	5
Togo	5
Sri Lanka	5
Vietnam	5
Other	54

\*\* Visa holders from a country of origin where less than five visas were granted through section 417 Ministerial Intervention, have been grouped together under the 'Other' category

s417 MI Visa Granted - 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020	
Visa Subclass	Section 417 (persons)
151 (Former Resident)	184
600 (Visitor)	71
602 (Medical Treatment)	21
485 (Temporary Graduate)	8
Other***	5

\*\*\* Visa holders granted a visa in a subclass where less than five visas were granted through section 417 Ministerial Intervention, have been grouped together under the 'Other' category