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Question 1

"How many cases are pending for sponsorship PR for more than 8 months or 1 year"

Response to Question 1

PESE ON-HAND CASE LOAD FOR PRIMARY APPLICANTS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2017

| Onhand | Month | |
|----------|-----------------------|--------|
| SubClass | Time On-hand (Months) | 201710 |
| 119 | >12 | <5 |
| 121 | >12 | <5 |
| 856 | >12 | <5 |
| 857 | >12 | 7 |
| 186 | 7-9 | 992 |
| | 9-12 | 587 |
| | >12 | 888 |
| 187 | 7-9 | 1,272 |
| | 9-12 | 1,264 |
| | >12 | 2,071 |

PESE = the Permanent Employer Sponsored Entry program, consisting of the Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) and Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) visas.

Visa subclasses 119, 121, 856 and 857 were closed for new applications on 30 June 2012 and reopened on 1 July 2013. The above numbers for these subclasses represent not finally determined legacy cases.

ENS subclass 186 and RSMS subclass 187 came into effect on 1 July 2012.

Question 2

"If candidates are informed for reasons for delay"

Response to Question 2

Applicants are not informed individually as to where their applications are in the queue. However, they can access the departmental website at the relevant visa home-page where global processing times for that visa are specified. For ENS subclass 186 and RSMS subclass 187 these are respectively:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/186->

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/187->

Additional information about processing times can be accessed at: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/186-?modal=/Visas/supporting/Pages/processing-times-vary.aspx>

Question 3

"Generally how much time is taken to inform candidate yes or no"

Response to Question 3

When the decision maker finalises assessing the application by refusing or granting the visa and they have recorded their decision in the decision record, the departmental systems automatically generate the necessary correspondence for the applicant or their authorised representative. Correspondence is sent electronically and should reach the client immediately.