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In reply please quote:

FOI Request: FA 19/03/00959

File Number: OBJ2019/19309

Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Access Decision

On 18 March 2019, the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) received a request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision on your request for access under the FOI Act.

1 Scope of request

You have requested access to the following documents:

For the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, number of applications for a subclass 600 visa (sponsored family stream only);

ii) total value of security and/or bonds paid during financial year;

iii) total value of security and/or bonds forfeited due to breach of visa conditions;

iv) number of visa grants;

v) number of visa holders who breached visa conditions; and

vi) number of visa holders who lodged an application while onshore in Australia.

2 Authority to make decision

I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests to access document or to amend or annotate records.

3 Relevant material

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

- the terms of your request
- the FOI Act
- Guidelines published by the Office of the Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the FOI Guidelines)
- advice from Departmental officers with responsibility for matters relating to the document to which you sought access

4 Document in scope of request

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department has used its computer system to produce two documents that contain information that falls within the scope of your request. The data produced in the document existed in the possession of the Department on 18 March 2019 when your FOI request was received.

5 Decision

The decision in relation to the document in the possession of the Department which fall within the scope of your request is as follows:

- Release one document in full
- Release one document in part with deletions

5.1 Section 22 of the FOI Act – deletion of exempt material

I have decided to prepare an edited copy of one document. The grounds upon which the edited copy of this document has been prepared are set out in the attachment A.

The document contains some information which can reasonably be regarded as not relevant to the scope of your request.

Departmental policy is that the personal details of officers who are not in the Senior Executive Service (SES), as well as the mobile and work contact details of SES staff which are contained in documents that fall within scope will be deleted.

I have therefore decided that parts of document two, which are marked 's.22(1)(a)(ii)', would disclose information that could reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to your request, and have prepared an edited copy of the document, with the irrelevant material deleted pursuant to section 22(1)(a)(ii) of the FOI Act.

6 Legislation

A copy of the FOI Act is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562>. If you are unable to access the legislation through this website, please contact our office for a copy.

7 Your Review Rights

Internal Review

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to apply for an internal review by the Department of this decision. Any request for internal review must be provided to the Department within 30 days of you being notified of the decision. Where possible please attach reasons why you believe a review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by an officer other than the original decision maker and the Department must make a review decision within 30 days.

Applications for review should be sent to:

By email to: foi.reviews@homeaffairs.gov.au
OR
By mail to:
Freedom of Information Section
Department of Home Affairs
PO Box 25
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

You may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) for a review of this decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a request for a review to the OAIC, please see Fact Sheet 12 "Freedom of information – Your review rights", available online at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process>.

8 Making a Complaint

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your request.

Your enquiries to the Australian Information Commissioner can be directed to:
Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge)
Email enquiries@oaic.gov.au

There is no particular form required to make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner. The request should be in writing and should set out the grounds on which it is considered that the action taken in relation to the request should be investigated and identify the Department of Home Affairs as the relevant agency.

9 Contacting the FOI Section

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at foi@homeaffairs.gov.au.

Signed electronically,



Maker
Department of Home Affairs

ATTACHMENT A

**SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS
REQUEST UNDER *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982***

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No	Date of document	No. of pages	Description	Decision on release	
1.	-	5	Data relating to subclass 600 visa, Sponsored Family Visitor stream, in the period 01/07/2017 – 30/06/2018	Release in full	-
2.	01/05/2019	1	Total of bonds repaid by Home Affairs for subclass 600 visa 01/07/17 – 30/06/18	Release in part	22(1)(a)(ii)