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## PORTFOLIO AND DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW

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***Welcome Back to Home Affairs***

Minister Coleman,

I would like to congratulate you on your re-appointment as a Minister in the Home Affairs Portfolio and warmly welcome the movement of migrant services into the Department.

This *Incoming Government Brief* provides you with relevant information on the work of the Department, including existing policies and programs, with which you will already be familiar.

On behalf of the Department and my senior leadership group, we look forward to continuing to work with you to deliver the Government's priorities for a prosperous, secure and united Australia in the areas of immigration, citizenship, migrant services and multicultural affairs.

**Michael Pezzullo**

**Secretary**

5 June 2019

## Home Affairs Portfolio

### Key Highlights

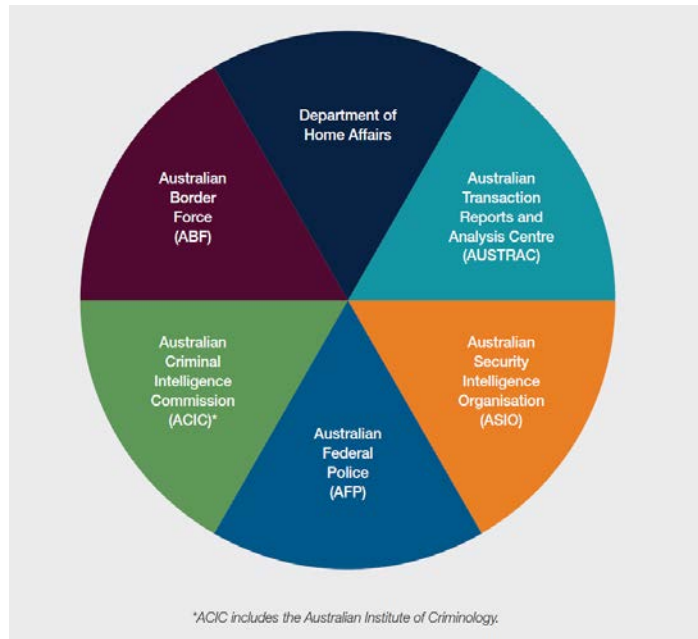
The Home Affairs Portfolio brings together the Department of Home Affairs (the Department), the Australian Border Force (ABF), the Australian Federal Police (AFP), the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC), the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), and the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) creating an enhanced capability to ensure a safer and more secure Australia.

- The Home Affairs Portfolio (Portfolio) total funding as at the 2019-20 Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS) is:
  - \$6.9 billion in 2019-20; and
  - \$25.6 billion over the forward estimates from 2019-20.
- The total forecast Average Staffing Level (ASL) for the Portfolio in 2019-20 is 24,525.
- The Department of Home Affairs' (Department) total funding as at the 2019-20 PBS is:
  - \$4.5 billion in 2019-20; and
  - \$16.0 billion over the forward year estimates from 2019-20.
- The total forecast ASL for the Department in 2019-20 is 14,545.

### Quick facts

#### *History and structure of the Portfolio*

The Home Affairs Portfolio was established on 19 December 2017 and finalised in May 2018, bringing together the Department of Home Affairs, the ABF, the AFP, the ACIC, ASIO and AUSTRAC.



The Portfolio is focused on ensuring a more prosperous, secure and united Australia, with responsibility for functions relating to Australia's federal law enforcement, immigration, citizenship, multicultural affairs, national and transport security, criminal justice, emergency management, and border-related functions.

The Portfolio operates in an increasingly complex domestic and international environment:

- Terrorist methodologies, targets and tactics continue to evolve.
- At least 115 Australian children have been exposed to the violence, training and doctrine of jihadist groups.
- Drug importation referrals have increased 300 per cent since 2013-14.
- The increasingly networked nature of critical infrastructure, global databases and supply-chain management means Australia's national institutions are increasingly vulnerable to interference through the cyber domain, including for criminal gain, economic espionage and foreign interference.
- Australia is an increasingly important espionage target for foreign intelligence services.
- AUSTRAC suspicious matter reports have increased 1,736 per cent since 2008-09.
- Threats to Australia's social cohesion and our nation's security are also posed by those seeking to incite violence.

The Portfolio is structured to maintain the statutory independence of Portfolio agencies, while ensuring the external accountability and oversight arrangements are appropriately retained, and powers are exercised proportionally and lawfully.

The ABF, while established within the Department for budgetary, employment and administrative purposes, is operationally independent.

#### *Structure of the Department of Home Affairs*

The Department's structure (see [Appendix 1](#)):

- co-locates policy, operational, program and service delivery responsibility within one Portfolio and Department, maximising the potential for horizontal and vertical collaboration;
- establishes key touch points for leadership on cross-cutting issues to enable agile work practices, including through joint or taskforce approaches; and
- creates opportunities for synergy and efficiency through shared services by clustering related lines of work, which also provides clear lines of accountability and decision making authority.

At a high level the Department's structure encompasses the following areas:

#### Groups

- **Immigration and Citizenship Services** – delivers citizenship, temporary and permanent migration programs, and manages the refugee humanitarian programs.
- **Policy** – provides comprehensive policy, strategy and planning development at strategic and operational levels.
- **Infrastructure, Transport Security and Customs** – delivers key security, emergency management, border facilitation and revenue programs with industry, State and Territory partners.
- **Executive** – drives and monitors enterprise strategy, risk, performance and assurance; provides integrated, coordinated and timely support to the Executive; delivers strategic research and communication services; and, provides the Department's intelligence services and products.

- **Corporate and Enabling** – provides integrated support services that allow the Department and the ABF to function effectively, including specialist corporate, people, finance and legal advice and assistance.
- **Technology and Major Capability** – manages technology and major capability development programs.

#### Coordinators

- **Commonwealth Counter-Terrorism Coordinator** – leads counter-terrorism policy and coordination across Australian Government. Coordinates national capability through the Australian and New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee.
- **Commonwealth Transnational Serious and Organised Crime Coordinator** – leads the national effort to combat transnational, serious and organised crime affecting Australia, with a focus on strategy, capability and policy.
- **National Counter Foreign Interference Coordinator** – delivers an effective, efficient and consistent national response to foreign interference by coordinating policy and program development.

#### Achievements

The Department is responsible for centrally coordinated strategy and policy leadership in relation to immigration, citizenship and multicultural affairs, domestic and national security arrangements, law enforcement, emergency management, counter-terrorism, social cohesion, the protection of our sovereignty, the integrity of our border, and the resilience of national infrastructure.

Key achievements of the Portfolio include:

- establishing or co-locating within the Department, the National Coordinator roles for Counter-Terrorism, Countering Foreign Interference, and Transnational and Serious Organised Crime. These positions provide national leadership and coordination points for addressing the complex challenges in these fields, for example in response to the Christchurch terrorist attack.
- managing the Migration, Humanitarian and Citizenship Programs, and building our successful multicultural society;
- supporting the introduction, passage and/or implementation of legislation for:
  - safeguarding Australia's critical infrastructure and strengthening the Government's national security posture against risks of sabotage, espionage and coercion in the electricity, gas, ports and water sectors;
  - improving the ability of agencies to operate around encryption, and allowing law enforcement and national security agencies to work more effectively in the increasingly complex digital environment; and
  - expanding powers to enable the AFP to take proactive measures at airports where individuals pose a criminal or security threat (introduced to Parliament in September 2018).
- leading and/or coordinating Whole-of-Government efforts in areas such as:
  - security arrangements for high profile events including the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, Invictus Games and ANZAC commemorative events;
  - establishing the Australian Centre for Countering Child Exploitation; and



- developing the new Cyber Incident Management Arrangements through the Council of Australian Governments; and.
- supporting the ABF's border management role and facilitating the movement of people and goods across the border.

#### *Outlook*

The Portfolio has established solid strategic, structural, governance and delivery foundations for promoting a prosperous, secure and united Australia.

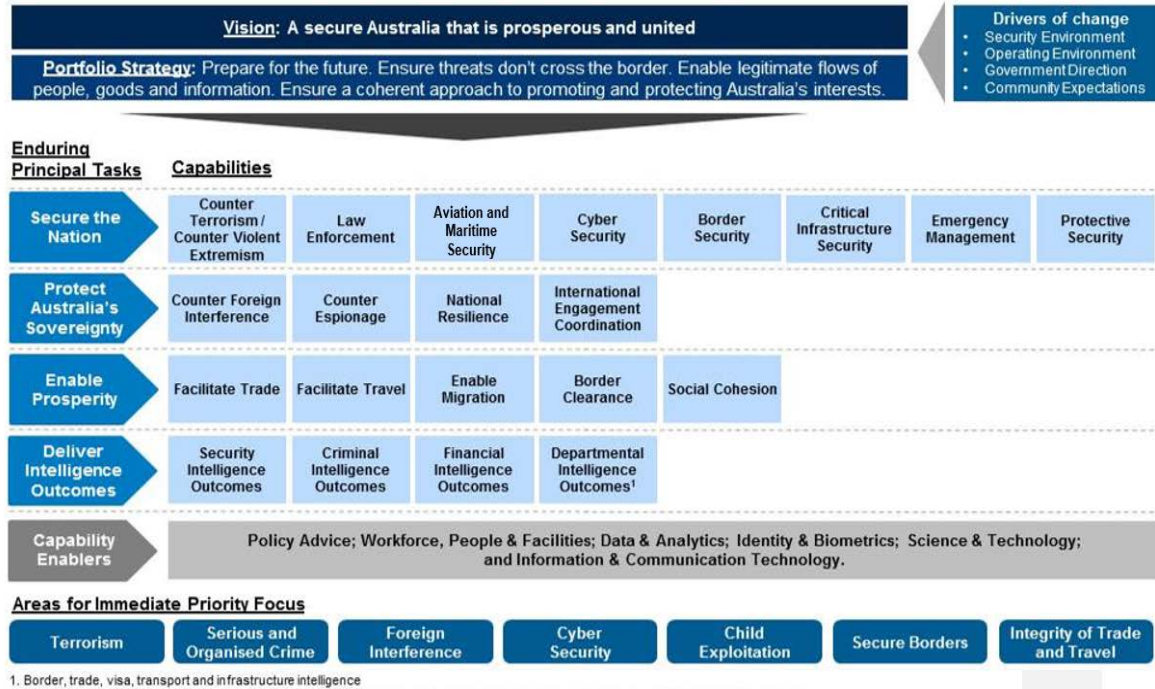
Australia prospers significantly from being open, engaged and connected to the rest of the world. The Portfolio's focus is to identify and proactively attend to the vulnerabilities that come with global interconnectedness, ensuring that Australia continues to reap the benefits of globalisation. The threats that have been identified for immediate priority focus are:

- security of borders;
- terrorism;
- serious and organised crime and associated financial intelligence;
- foreign interference;
- cyber security;
- child exploitation;
- integrity of trade and travel while enhancing the effectiveness of Australia's migration program; and
- enhancing Australia's disaster preparedness.

## Capability

The Portfolio has a strategic planning framework to provide for the development of the Home Affairs Portfolio, and the assessment of the capabilities required to meet future security challenges.

### Portfolio Strategic Planning Framework



The Portfolio Strategic Planning Framework (the Framework) provides a strategy to realise the Portfolio's vision. The 'Enduring Principal Tasks' are the practical application of the strategy, and engage all the Portfolio's agencies and the Department of Home Affairs.

The Framework articulates a number of Portfolio capabilities that must be delivered collectively to ensure that the current and future threats to the Australian society and economy are adequately addressed.

A rigorous strategy led approach to capability management enables the Portfolio to identify capability gaps and opportunities, and plan for the future capability needs. It also enables the Portfolio to anticipate, plan and resource capability development and investments, and provides the basis for making trade-offs within and between capabilities, and for divesting capabilities that are no longer serving the Portfolio, or are poorly aligned to strategy and the Enduring Principal Tasks.

## Budget, resourcing, property and assets

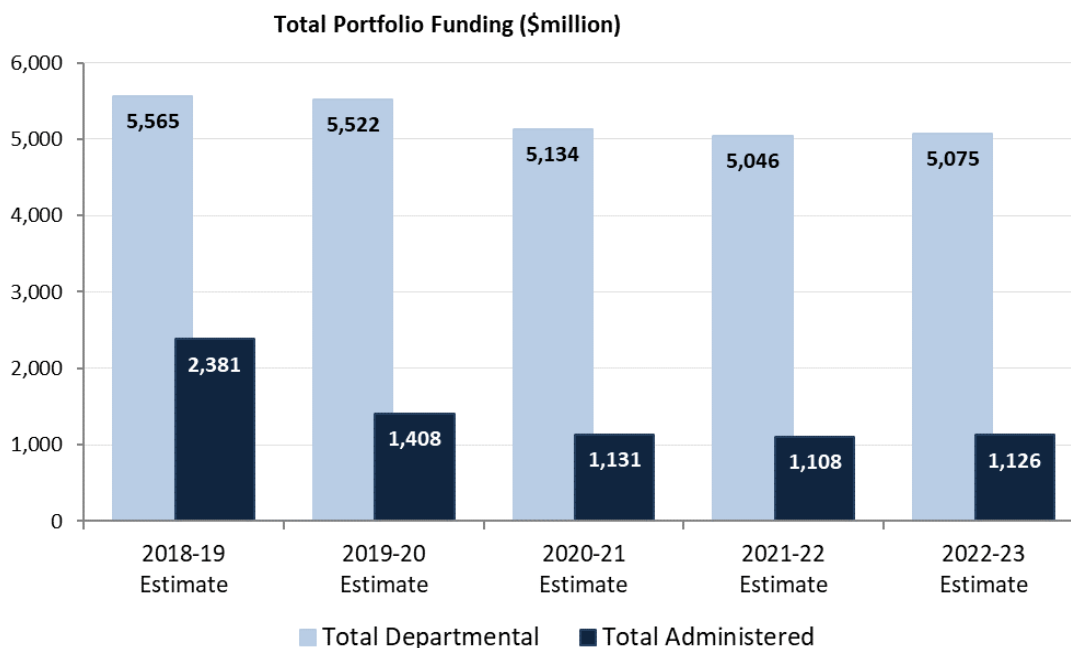
### Current Situation

#### Home Affairs Portfolio:

- Total funding as at the 2019-20 PBS is (see [Attachment A](#)):

\$6.9 billion in 2019-20

\$25.6 billion over the forward estimates from 2019-20.



- The total forecast ASL for the Portfolio for 2018-19 was 23,522 and in 2019-20 is 24,525:

| Entity                     | 2018-19 Estimate | 2019-20       | Change       |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Department of Home Affairs | 14,120           | 14,545        | 425          |
| AFP                        | 6,459            | 6,771         | 312          |
| ACIC                       | 741              | 849           | 108          |
| AIC                        | 19               | 35            | 16           |
| AUSTRAC                    | 333              | 368           | 35           |
| ASIO                       | 1,850            | 1,957         | 107          |
| <b>Grand Total</b>         | <b>23,522</b>    | <b>24,525</b> | <b>1,003</b> |

Note: ASL reflects published data from the 2019-20 PBS.

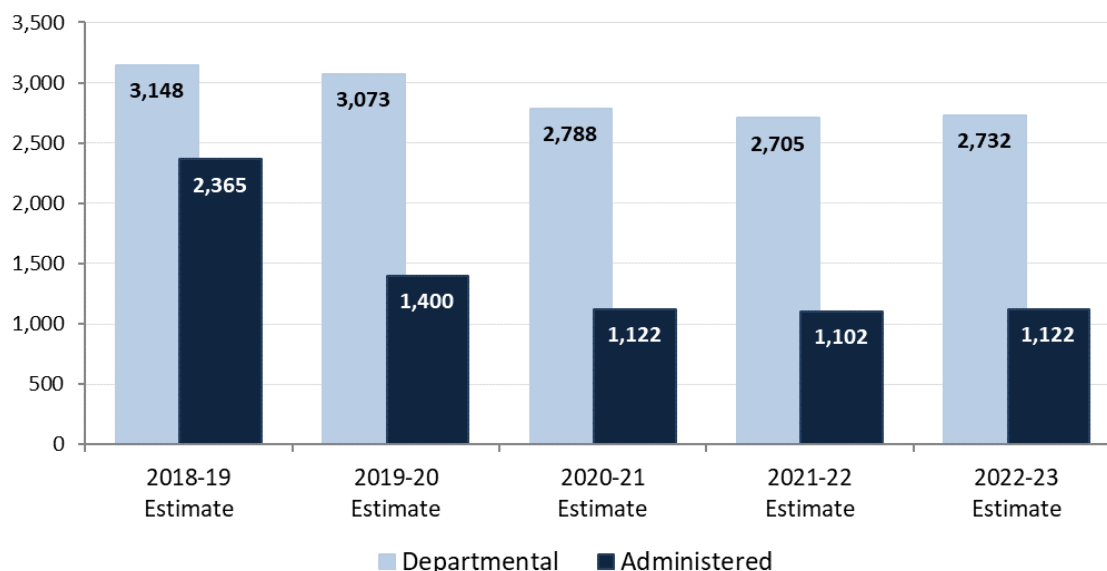
#### Department of Home Affairs:

- The Department's total funding as at the 2019-20 PBS is:
  - \$4.5 billion in 2019-20
  - \$16.0 billion over the forward year estimates from 2019-20.

**Table 1: Department funding as at 2019-20 PBS.**

| (\$'million)                            | 2018-19<br>Estimate | 2019-20<br>Estimate | 2020-21<br>Estimate | 2021-22<br>Estimate | 2022-23<br>Estimate | TOTAL FE        |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Department of Home Affairs</b>       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                 |
| Departmental operating expenses         | 2,642.3             | 2,592.3             | 2,349.5             | 2,322.6             | 2,349.1             | 9,613.5         |
| Departmental capital                    | 257.2               | 228.3               | 217.2               | 172.6               | 173.2               | 791.3           |
| Own-source revenue (s 74)               | 248.8               | 252.0               | 220.8               | 210.1               | 210.0               | 892.9           |
| <b>Departmental</b>                     | <b>3,148.3</b>      | <b>3,072.6</b>      | <b>2,787.5</b>      | <b>2,705.3</b>      | <b>2,732.3</b>      | <b>11,297.7</b> |
| Administered expenses                   | 2,337.3             | 1,379.3             | 1,100.7             | 1,079.9             | 1,099.6             | 4,659.5         |
| Administered capital                    | 27.5                | 21.0                | 21.4                | 21.8                | 22.2                | 86.4            |
| <b>Administered</b>                     | <b>2,364.8</b>      | <b>1,400.3</b>      | <b>1,122.1</b>      | <b>1,101.7</b>      | <b>1,121.8</b>      | <b>4,745.9</b>  |
| <b>Total Department Of Home Affairs</b> | <b>5,513.1</b>      | <b>4,472.9</b>      | <b>3,909.6</b>      | <b>3,807.0</b>      | <b>3,854.1</b>      | <b>16,043.6</b> |

**Total Department Funding (\$'million)**



## Outlook

### Revenues administered on behalf of Government

- As at the 2019-20 PBS, the Department is forecast to generate administered revenue of \$25.6 billion in 2019-20 and \$99.6 billion over the forward estimates from 2019-20.

**Table 2: Revenues administered on behalf of the Government as at the 2019-20 PBS**

| (\$'million)                             | 2018-19<br>Estimate | 2019-20<br>Estimate | 2020-21<br>Estimate | 2021-22<br>Estimate | 2022-23<br>Estimate | TOTAL FE        |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Customs Duty                             | 16,519.5            | 21,119.5            | 19,149.5            | 19,869.5            | 20,199.5            | 80,337.8        |
| Passenger Movement Charge                | 1,207.1             | 1,264.4             | 1,321.9             | 1,379.4             | 1,439.5             | 5,405.3         |
| Import Processing (IPC and Depot Charge) | 449.8               | 458.9               | 469.0               | 479.1               | 479.1               | 1,886.0         |
| Visa Application Charges                 | 2,317.0             | 2,633.1             | 2,822.5             | 2,999.7             | 3,178.2             | 11,633.5        |
| <b>Total taxation revenue</b>            | <b>20,493.3</b>     | <b>25,475.9</b>     | <b>23,762.8</b>     | <b>24,727.7</b>     | <b>25,296.2</b>     | <b>99,262.6</b> |
| Citizenship fees                         | 50.0                | 50.0                | 50.0                | 50.0                | 50.0                | 200.0           |
| Other non-taxation revenue               | 39.5                | 41.1                | 36.4                | 35.7                | 37.7                | 151.0           |
| <b>Total non-taxation revenue</b>        | <b>89.5</b>         | <b>91.1</b>         | <b>86.4</b>         | <b>85.7</b>         | <b>87.7</b>         | <b>351.0</b>    |
| <b>Total administered revenue</b>        | <b>20,582.8</b>     | <b>25,567.1</b>     | <b>23,849.3</b>     | <b>24,813.4</b>     | <b>25,383.9</b>     | <b>99,613.7</b> |

### Departmental Expenses

- Total departmental expenses (excluding depreciation and amortisation and other expenses not requiring an appropriation), as at the 2019-20 PBS, are \$2.8 billion in 2019-20 and \$10.5 billion over the forward estimates from 2019-20.
- There is significant reduction in departmental resourcing, averaging \$260 million per year over four years from 2019-20, compared to 2018-19, as can be seen in Table 3. The decline in funding is primarily due to the cumulative impact of efficiency dividends and savings applied to the Department over an extended period of time.

**Table 3: Departmental expenses (excluding depreciation, amortisation and other expenses not requiring an appropriation) as at the 2019-20 PBS**

| (\$'million)   | 2018-19<br>Estimate | 2019-20<br>Estimate | 2020-21<br>Estimate | 2021-22<br>Estimate | 2022-23<br>Estimate | TOTAL FE        |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Outcome 1</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                 |
| 1.1: Border Enforcement  | 993.8               | 1,041.5             | 926.3               | 914.1               | 921.7               | 3,803.6         |
| 1.2: Border Management   | 242.1               | 259.3               | 249.1               | 255.1               | 260.0               | 1,023.5         |
| 1.3: Onshore Compliance and Detention                              | 419.6               | 377.4               | 358.9               | 357.0               | 360.1               | 1,453.5         |
| 1.4: IMA Offshore Management                                       | 32.4                | 28.0                | 28.1                | 28.4                | 28.6                | 113.2           |
| 1.5: Regional Cooperation  | 18.4                | 18.5                | 14.9                | 14.8                | 14.9                | 63.1            |
| 1.6: Transport Security  | 48.8                | 48.4                | 48.4                | 48.4                | 48.9                | 194.0           |
| 1.7: National Security and Criminal Justice                        | 114.2               | 110.7               | 100.3               | 94.4                | 95.9                | 401.2           |
| 1.8: Cyber Security  | 1.6                 | 1.6                 | 1.6                 | 1.6                 | 1.6                 | 6.5             |
| 1.9: Counter Terrorism   | 3.0                 | 4.8                 | 3.0                 | 3.0                 | 3.1                 | 13.9            |
| 1.10: Australian Government Disaster<br>Financial Support Payments | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -               |
| <b>Outcome 1</b>   | <b>1,874.0</b>      | <b>1,890.2</b>      | <b>1,730.6</b>      | <b>1,716.9</b>      | <b>1,734.9</b>      | <b>7,072.6</b>  |
| <b>Outcome 2</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                 |
| 2.1: Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship                         | 69.1                | 69.2                | 70.1                | 67.0                | 67.5                | 273.8           |
| 2.2: Migration   | 270.2               | 247.5               | 228.9               | 216.4               | 218.3               | 911.1           |
| 2.3: Visas   | 431.3               | 389.7               | 330.5               | 325.5               | 330.4               | 1,376.0         |
| 2.4: Refugee & Humanitarian Assistance                             | 114.8               | 112.2               | 96.2                | 96.2                | 97.0                | 401.6           |
| <b>Outcome 2</b>   | <b>885.3</b>        | <b>818.5</b>        | <b>725.7</b>        | <b>705.1</b>        | <b>713.3</b>        | <b>2,962.6</b>  |
| <b>Outcome 3</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                 |
| 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection                                     | 65.3                | 59.7                | 59.8                | 59.8                | 59.7                | 239.0           |
| 3.2: Trade Facilitation and Industry<br>Engagement                 | 56.5                | 53.9                | 51.0                | 50.9                | 51.2                | 207.1           |
| <b>Outcome 3</b>   | <b>121.8</b>        | <b>113.6</b>        | <b>110.8</b>        | <b>110.8</b>        | <b>111.0</b>        | <b>446.1</b>    |
| <b>Total Departmental Expenses</b>                                 | <b>2,881.2</b>      | <b>2,822.3</b>      | <b>2,567.1</b>      | <b>2,532.8</b>      | <b>2,559.1</b>      | <b>10,481.3</b> |

Note: excluding depreciation, amortisation and other expenses not requiring an appropriation. 2018-19 and the forward estimates include section 75 appropriation transfers to the Department.

### Administered Expenses

- The total administered expenses (excluding depreciation, amortisation and other expenses not requiring an appropriation), as at the 2019-20 PBS, are \$1.4 billion in 2019-20 and \$4.6 billion over the forward estimates from 2019-20.
- The significant reduction in administered resourcing between 2018-19 and 2019-20 is attributable to Program 1.3 (closure of Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre on 30 June 2019) and 1.4 (6 months funding for Offshore Regional Processing Arrangements until 31 December 2019).

**Table 4: Administered expenses (excluding depreciation, amortisation and other expenses not requiring an appropriation) as at the 2019-20 PBS**

| (\$'million)  | 2018-19<br>Estimate | 2019-20<br>Estimate | 2020-21<br>Estimate | 2021-22<br>Estimate | 2022-23<br>Estimate | TOTAL FE       |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>Outcome 1</b>  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                |
| 1.2: Border Management  | 0.0                 | 0.0                 | 0.0                 | 0.0                 | 0.0                 | 0.0            |
| 1.3: Onshore Compliance & Detention                             | 814.9               | 661.8               | 622.7               | 607.3               | 613.4               | 2,505.1        |
| 1.4: IMA Offshore Management                                    | 1,078.3             | 452.7               | 333.6               | 341.3               | 349.7               | 1,477.3        |
| 1.5: Regional Cooperation                                       | 70.4                | 67.8                | 29.1                | 29.8                | 30.5                | 157.2          |
| 1.6: Transport Security   | 35.9                | 16.1                | 1.1                 | 1.0                 | 1.1                 | 19.3           |
| 1.7: National Security and Criminal Justice                     | 83.9                | 90.3                | 51.7                | 42.9                | 46.2                | 231.1          |
| 1.8: Cyber Security   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -              |
| 1.9: Counter Terrorism  | 14.8                | 15.1                | 15.1                | 15.5                | 15.7                | 61.4           |
| 1.10: Australian Government Disaster Financial Support Payments | 184.7               | 20.4                | -                   | -                   | -                   | 20.4           |
| <b>Outcome 1</b>  | <b>2,283.0</b>      | <b>1,324.2</b>      | <b>1,053.4</b>      | <b>1,037.7</b>      | <b>1,056.7</b>      | <b>4,471.9</b> |
| <b>Outcome 2</b>  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                |
| 2.1: Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship                      | 9.7                 | 12.7                | 5.4                 | 0.4                 | 0.4                 | 19.0           |
| 2.3: Visas  | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -              |
| 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance                        | 42.7                | 42.3                | 41.9                | 41.8                | 42.5                | 168.5          |
| <b>Outcome 2</b>  | <b>52.4</b>         | <b>55.1</b>         | <b>47.4</b>         | <b>42.2</b>         | <b>42.9</b>         | <b>187.5</b>   |
| <b>Administered expenses</b>                                    | <b>2,335.5</b>      | <b>1,379.3</b>      | <b>1,100.7</b>      | <b>1,079.9</b>      | <b>1,099.6</b>      | <b>4,659.4</b> |

Note: Excludes depreciation, amortisation expenses and other expenses not requiring an appropriation. 2018-19 and forward estimates include section 75 appropriation transfers to the Department.

### Capital Resourcing

- The Department's administered capital is summarised in Table 5 below.

**Table 5: Administered capital as at the 2019-20 PBS**

| (\$'million)                      | 2018-19<br>Estimate | 2019-20<br>Estimate | 2020-21<br>Estimate | 2021-22<br>Estimate | 2022-23<br>Estimate | TOTAL FE    |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Administered Capital Budget (ACB) | 20.6                | 21.0                | 21.4                | 21.8                | 22.2                | 86.4        |
| Equity injections                 | 6.9                 | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -           |
| <b>New capital appropriations</b> | <b>27.5</b>         | <b>21.0</b>         | <b>21.4</b>         | <b>21.8</b>         | <b>22.2</b>         | <b>86.4</b> |

- The Department's departmental capital is summarised in Table 6 below.

**Table 6: Departmental capital as at the 2019-20 PBS**

| (\$'million)                      | 2018-19<br>Estimate | 2019-20<br>Estimate | 2020-21<br>Estimate | 2021-22<br>Estimate | 2022-23<br>Estimate | TOTAL FE     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Departmental Capital Budget (DCB) | 136.5               | 121.2               | 159.6               | 161.0               | 162.3               | <b>604.1</b> |
| Equity injections                 | 120.7               | 107.1               | 57.6                | 11.6                | 10.9                | <b>187.2</b> |
| <b>New capital appropriations</b> | <b>257.2</b>        | <b>228.3</b>        | <b>217.2</b>        | <b>172.6</b>        | <b>173.2</b>        | <b>791.3</b> |

#### Average Staffing Level

- ASL reflects the average number of employees receiving salary or wages over the financial year, including adjustments for casual and part-time staff, to show the full-time equivalent employment levels. The total forecast ASL for the Department in 2018-19 is 14,120.
- The total forecast ASL for the Department in 2019-20 is 14,545, representing an increase of 425 ASL from the total ASL for 2018-19 primarily due to the impacts from government decisions.

#### *Department of Home Affairs' 2018-19 Internal Budget and Property Footprint*

##### Internal Budget

- As at 31 March 2019, the Department's year to date departmental operating expenditure is \$2.1 billion of a total revenue budget of \$2.9 billion (exclusive of depreciation and amortisation).
- The March year to date administered operating expenditure is \$1.4 billion of full year administered operating budget of \$2.4 billion. The majority of year to date expenditure stems from Illegal Maritime Arrival Offshore Management (\$656 million of a full year budget of \$1,078 million) and Onshore Compliance and Detention (\$497 million of a full year budget of \$815 million).
- The March year to date departmental capital expenditure is \$200 million against a full year capital budget of \$323 million (including \$66 million movement of funds). The year to date administered capital expenditure is \$32 million against a full year capital budget of \$75 million (including \$48 million movement of funds).
- The March year to date administered income (excluding GST collected) is \$14.8 billion against an external budget of \$20.9 billion for 2018-19.
- Total departmental operating funding for the Department is programmed to reduce in 2019-20 due to a \$50 million reduction in revenue from Government. Total departmental capital funding is programmed to reduce by \$55 million.

##### Property Footprint

The Department's onshore property footprint includes:

- 433 office, commercial and purpose built holdings;
- 102 residential houses; and
- 11 active immigration detention facilities (including Christmas Island).

The Department's offshore property footprint includes:

- 51 office accommodation leases in 44 countries; and
- 164 residential accommodation leases.



**Portfolio leadership and contact details**

See [Appendix 2](#).

**Attachments**

A: Home Affairs Portfolio funding as at the 2019-20 PBS

**Contact Details**

Name: Marc Ablong PSM, Deputy Secretary Policy

Contact: s22(1)(a)(ii)

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## Attachment A

### Home Affairs Portfolio funding as at the PBS 2019-20

| (\$'million)  | 2018-19<br>Estimate | 2019-20<br>Estimate | 2020-21<br>Estimate | 2021-22<br>Estimate | 2022-23<br>Estimate | TOTAL FE        |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Department of Home Affairs</b>                                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                 |
| Departmental operating expenses                                       | 2,642.3             | 2,592.3             | 2,349.5             | 2,322.6             | 2,349.1             | 9,613.5         |
| Departmental capital  | 257.2               | 228.3               | 217.2               | 172.6               | 173.2               | 791.3           |
| Own-source revenue (s 74)   | 248.8               | 252.0               | 220.8               | 210.1               | 210.0               | 892.9           |
| <b>Departmental</b>   | <b>3,148.3</b>      | <b>3,072.6</b>      | <b>2,787.5</b>      | <b>2,705.3</b>      | <b>2,732.3</b>      | <b>11,297.7</b> |
| Administered expenses   | 2,337.3             | 1,379.3             | 1,100.7             | 1,079.9             | 1,099.6             | 4,659.5         |
| Administered capital  | 27.5                | 21.0                | 21.4                | 21.8                | 22.2                | 86.4            |
| <b>Administered</b>   | <b>2,364.8</b>      | <b>1,400.3</b>      | <b>1,122.1</b>      | <b>1,101.7</b>      | <b>1,121.8</b>      | <b>4,745.9</b>  |
| <b>Total Department Of Home Affairs</b>                               | <b>5,513.1</b>      | <b>4,472.9</b>      | <b>3,909.6</b>      | <b>3,807.0</b>      | <b>3,854.1</b>      | <b>16,043.6</b> |
| <b>Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission<sup>1</sup></b>        |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                 |
| Departmental operating expenses                                       | 100.0               | 104.8               | 92.5                | 92.2                | 90.8                | 380.3           |
| Departmental capital  | 12.2                | 26.3                | 5.9                 | 4.5                 | 2.7                 | 39.4            |
| Own-source revenue (s 74)   | 136.7               | 125.5               | 123.6               | 119.4               | 116.7               | 485.2           |
| <b>Departmental</b>   | <b>248.9</b>        | <b>256.6</b>        | <b>222.0</b>        | <b>216.1</b>        | <b>210.2</b>        | <b>904.9</b>    |
| <b>Total ACIC</b>   | <b>248.9</b>        | <b>256.6</b>        | <b>222.0</b>        | <b>216.1</b>        | <b>210.2</b>        | <b>904.9</b>    |
| <b>Australian Federal Police<sup>1</sup></b>                          |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                 |
| Departmental operating expenses                                       | 1,102.3             | 1,122.9             | 1,154.0             | 1,156.4             | 1,153.9             | 4,587.2         |
| Departmental capital  | 129.5               | 130.0               | 95.4                | 93.9                | 95.3                | 414.6           |
| Own-source revenue (s 74)   | 293.8               | 289.4               | 282.9               | 282.0               | 278.5               | 1,132.8         |
| <b>Departmental</b>   | <b>1,525.6</b>      | <b>1,542.3</b>      | <b>1,532.3</b>      | <b>1,532.3</b>      | <b>1,527.7</b>      | <b>6,134.6</b>  |
| Administered expenses   | 16.0                | 7.9                 | 8.8                 | 6.6                 | 4.5                 | 27.8            |
| <b>Administered</b>   | <b>16.0</b>         | <b>7.9</b>          | <b>8.8</b>          | <b>6.6</b>          | <b>4.5</b>          | <b>27.8</b>     |
| <b>Total AFP</b>  | <b>1,541.6</b>      | <b>1,550.2</b>      | <b>1,541.1</b>      | <b>1,538.9</b>      | <b>1,532.2</b>      | <b>6,162.4</b>  |
| <b>Australian Institute of Criminology<sup>1</sup></b>                |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                 |
| Departmental operating expenses                                       | 4.6                 | 4.6                 | 4.6                 | 4.7                 | 4.7                 | 18.6            |
| Departmental capital  | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -               |
| Own-source revenue (s 74)   | 2.4                 | 2.1                 | 1.5                 | 0.6                 | 0.6                 | 4.8             |
| <b>Departmental</b>   | <b>7.0</b>          | <b>6.7</b>          | <b>6.1</b>          | <b>5.3</b>          | <b>5.3</b>          | <b>23.4</b>     |
| <b>Total AIC (a)</b>  | <b>7.0</b>          | <b>6.7</b>          | <b>6.1</b>          | <b>5.3</b>          | <b>5.3</b>          | <b>23.4</b>     |
| <b>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre<sup>1</sup></b> |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                 |
| Departmental operating expenses                                       | 68.4                | 72.7                | 71.4                | 74.5                | 74.1                | 292.7           |
| Departmental capital  | 10.3                | 7.5                 | 9.6                 | 5.4                 | 3.1                 | 25.6            |
| Own-source revenue (s 74)   | 7.6                 | 5.6                 | 1.1                 | 0.4                 | -                   | 7.1             |
| <b>Departmental</b>   | <b>86.3</b>         | <b>85.8</b>         | <b>82.1</b>         | <b>80.3</b>         | <b>77.2</b>         | <b>325.4</b>    |
| <b>Total AUSTRAC</b>  | <b>86.3</b>         | <b>85.8</b>         | <b>82.1</b>         | <b>80.3</b>         | <b>77.2</b>         | <b>325.4</b>    |

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### Home Affairs Portfolio funding as at the PBS 2019-20 (continued)

| (\$'million)   | 2018-19<br>Estimate | 2019-20<br>Estimate | 2020-21<br>Estimate | 2021-22<br>Estimate | 2022-23<br>Estimate | TOTAL           |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation<sup>1</sup></b> |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                 |
| Departmental operating expenses                                  | 435.2               | 463.6               | 425.8               | 429.0               | 438.4               | <b>1,756.8</b>  |
| Departmental capital   | 90.9                | 70.5                | 54.4                | 53.0                | 53.1                | <b>231.0</b>    |
| Own-source revenue (s 74)  | 23.2                | 23.7                | 24.1                | 24.6                | 30.6                | <b>103.0</b>    |
| <b>Departmental</b>  | <b>549.3</b>        | <b>557.8</b>        | <b>504.3</b>        | <b>506.6</b>        | <b>522.1</b>        | <b>2,090.8</b>  |
| <b>Total Departmental ASIO</b>                                   | <b>549.3</b>        | <b>557.8</b>        | <b>504.3</b>        | <b>506.6</b>        | <b>522.1</b>        | <b>2,090.8</b>  |
| <b>Total Home Affairs Portfolio Funding</b>                      |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                 |
| Departmental operating expenses                                  | 4,352.8             | 4,360.9             | 4,097.8             | 4,079.4             | 4,111.0             | <b>16,649.1</b> |
| Departmental capital   | 500.1               | 462.6               | 382.5               | 329.4               | 327.4               | <b>1,501.9</b>  |
| Own-source revenue (s 74)  | 712.5               | 698.3               | 654.0               | 637.1               | 636.4               | <b>2,625.8</b>  |
| <b>Total Departmental</b>  | <b>5,565.4</b>      | <b>5,521.8</b>      | <b>5,134.3</b>      | <b>5,045.9</b>      | <b>5,074.8</b>      | <b>20,776.8</b> |
| Administered expenses  | 2,353.3             | 1,387.2             | 1,109.5             | 1,086.5             | 1,104.1             | <b>4,687.3</b>  |
| Administered capital   | 27.5                | 21.0                | 21.4                | 21.8                | 22.2                | <b>86.4</b>     |
| <b>Total Administered</b>  | <b>2,380.8</b>      | <b>1,408.2</b>      | <b>1,130.9</b>      | <b>1,108.3</b>      | <b>1,126.3</b>      | <b>4,773.7</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>7,946.2</b>      | <b>6,930.0</b>      | <b>6,265.2</b>      | <b>6,154.2</b>      | <b>6,201.1</b>      | <b>25,550.5</b> |

**Note:** Totals may not add due to rounding. Own-source revenue (S 74) excludes resources received free of charge.

1. Reflects published data from the 2019-20 PB Statements for 2019-20 and the forward estimates.

## Michael Pezzullo, Secretary



Michael Pezzullo was appointed Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs on 20 December 2017.

Within the Home Affairs Portfolio, Mr Pezzullo leads the Department responsible for the coordination of strategy, planning and policy related to issues affecting Australia's domestic security. The Department works with the Portfolio's statutory independent agencies to deliver national policy and programs in several areas, including: law enforcement; counter-terrorism; countering violent extremism; cyber security; countering espionage and foreign interference; critical infrastructure protection; emergency management; transport, civil maritime and aviation security; customs and border protection; trade and travel facilitation; immigration and citizenship; and multicultural affairs.

Mr Pezzullo was previously Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, a position to which he was appointed on 13 October 2014. In this role, he oversaw the integration of the Department with the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) on 1 July 2015, including the standing-up of the Australian Border Force as the Department's operational arm.

Prior to this, Mr Pezzullo was Chief Executive Officer of the ACBPS from February 2013, having joined the Service as its Chief Operating Officer in July 2009. As CEO, Mr Pezzullo was charged with implementing and overseeing reforms in ACBPS's business processes and systems, and its workforce culture and capability. From September 2013, he was the senior official who oversaw Operation Sovereign Borders and the related Joint Agency Task Force.

Before joining ACBPS, Mr Pezzullo was Deputy Secretary, Strategy in the Department of Defence, having been appointed to that position in January 2006. Here, he was responsible for defence strategy and planning, force structure development, the strategic policy aspects of Australian Defence Force operations, Defence's international security relationships, and the delivery of national security programs in areas such as export controls, counter-proliferation and Defence cooperation with other countries. He also had oversight of the Department's ministerial support and public affairs programs.

Mr Pezzullo joined the Department of Defence as a graduate in 1987. He worked in Defence until 1992 in a variety of strategic policy and intelligence positions. He then transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, where he worked in the International Division.

In March 1993, he joined the staff of the Foreign Minister, Senator the Hon Gareth Evans QC. He remained in Parliament House until December 2001, including serving four years as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Kim Beazley MP.

In February 2002, he re-joined the Department of Defence as an Assistant Secretary in the Corporate Services and Infrastructure Group. In March 2004, he was promoted to the position of Head Infrastructure. In July 2004, he was transferred into the newly formed role of Chief Of Staff Australian Defence Headquarters and Head of Coordination and Public Affairs Division. Between February 2008 and May 2009, he led the Defence White Paper team and was also the principal author of the 2009 Defence White Paper.

Mr Pezzullo has a BA (Hons) in History from Sydney University. He enjoys spending time with his family, watching cricket and rugby league, and reading (particularly on military history, international relations, intelligence, and political biographies).

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## Rachel Noble, Deputy Secretary Executive



Rachel Noble PSM is the Deputy Secretary Executive Group in the Department of Home Affairs. The Group is responsible for enterprise strategy, risk, assurance, security and ministerial, media and intelligence services.

Immediately prior to this, Rachel led the Portfolio's Home Affairs Implementation Team to stand up the Home Affairs Portfolio.

In 2014, Rachel was promoted to Deputy Secretary Policy Group in the Department of Immigration and Border Protection which included responsibility for trade, customs, immigration and international policy.

Rachel joined the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) in May 2013 as the National Director Intelligence and Chief Information Officer. Her previous role was as First Assistant Secretary Ministerial and Executive Coordination and Communication, at the Department of Defence, where Rachel was responsible for providing advice on Parliamentary, media, information management, records management policy, FOI and executive coordination issues.

Prior to re-joining Defence, Rachel was the National Security Chief Information Officer and Cyber Policy Coordinator in Prime Minister and Cabinet, responsible for improving information sharing among the national security community and coordinating Whole-of-Government policy on cyber issues. Rachel received a Public Service Medal for this work.

Rachel previously held several SES positions in the Department of Defence including Assistant Secretary Governance, responsible for the overall governance and assurance framework for Defence; Assistant Secretary Americas, North and South Asia, Europe in the International Policy Division, and Deputy Chief of Facility at the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap.

Rachel has also worked for the Bureau of Meteorology on international policies to address global climate change and started her career in private industry working for Optus.

Rachel has a Masters of Business Administration in Technology Management and a Bachelor of Science with Honours.

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## Marc Ablong, Deputy Secretary Policy



Marc Ablong PSM was appointed Deputy Secretary Policy at the Department of Home Affairs on 11 October 2018. Prior to this appointment, Marc filled the position of First Assistant Secretary Strategy and Capability, Department of Home Affairs, on secondment from the Department of Defence.

Marc spent 25 years in the Department of Defence in a range of positions across strategic policy and intelligence, capital equipment and acquisition policy, international policy, military strategy, maritime capability development, Air Force long-range planning, national support, information strategy and futures, strategic reform, and ministerial and executive coordination and communications.

Among these positions were roles as Assistant Secretary Strategic Policy, Chief of Staff of the White Paper Team that developed the 2009 Defence White Paper, Assistant Secretary Strategic Issues Management, and First Assistant Secretary Ministerial and Executive Coordination and Communication. Marc also worked with Doctor Rufus Black on the 2011 Review of the Defence Accountability Framework.

In February 2014, Marc was appointed First Assistant Secretary White Paper, to lead the development of the 2016 Defence White Paper, Integrated Investment Program and Defence Industry Policy Statement, which were released by the Government on 25 February 2016. Following the release of the 2016 Defence White Paper, Marc was appointed as the inaugural First Assistant Secretary Contestability. Marc subsequently held roles as First Assistant Secretary Naval Shipbuilding Taskforce and First Assistant Secretary Defence Industry Policy (which he undertook concurrently with his role as leading the Naval Shipbuilding Taskforce). From October 2017 to April 2018, Marc acted as the Deputy Secretary Strategic Policy and Intelligence.

Marc has attended the Joint Services Staff College, the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies and completed the Advanced Management Program 190 at the Harvard Business School. Marc was awarded the Public Service Medal in the Australia Day Honours 2018.

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# Cheryl-anne Moy, Deputy Secretary Corporate and Enabling



Cheryl-anne Moy was appointed Deputy Secretary in the Department of Home Affairs in September 2018. As Deputy Secretary Corporate and Enabling, Cheryl-anne has responsibility for delivering strategic and tactical corporate capabilities to the Department and the Australian Border Force.

Cheryl-anne is an experienced leader and brings to her role a depth of experience as a Senior Executive across a broad range of disciplines such as policy, governance, corporate, program, capability development, service delivery and operational delivery. Cheryl-anne joined the public service after a successful career in banking, finance and fraud investigations.

Cheryl-anne has held Senior Executive positions in a number of Departments of State and brings a diverse background having managed large and high profile APS programs such as Regional Processing, Children in Immigration, Ministerial and Parliamentary Entitlements in the Department of Finance; and social services' programs such as Retirement, Rural and Regional, Employment and Centrelink Call Centres.

As First Assistant Secretary Integrity, Security and Assurance and Chief Audit Executive in Home Affairs Cheryl-anne was accountable for the Department's and Australian Border Force's Integrity and Professional Standards program; protective and physical security; and Audit and Assurance of all departmental programs, including the ABF. Cheryl-anne was responsible for the development and implementation of Operation Arete in 2017. Arete is an enduring operation to strengthen the Department's integrity framework and embed a positive integrity culture within the Department.

Cheryl-anne holds a Master of Public Administration.



# Malisa Golightly, Deputy Secretary Immigration and Citizenship Services



Malisa Golightly PSM joined the Department in August 2017 and is currently the Deputy Secretary of Immigration and Citizenship Services Group, with end-to-end responsibility for visa and citizenship programs, including service delivery and decision-making spanning the visa and citizenship life cycle, from pre-lodgement, application, visa grant or refusal, visa cancellation, and conferral and revocation of citizenship. Malisa is also responsible for the administration of the Refugee and Humanitarian Program and the Department's visa delivery transformation.

Prior to joining the Department, Malisa was in the Human Services Portfolio for over seven years and held a variety of Deputy Secretary roles in relation to effective and efficient administration and delivery of social services and health programs.

Prior to this, Malisa held senior positions within the Australian National Audit Office and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, including the position of Deputy Secretary Employment from 2004 to 2010.

Malisa has a Bachelor of Business Degree and is a fellow of CPA Australia. Malisa was awarded a Public Service Medal in the Queens Honours List on 14 June 2010 for outstanding public service in leading the successful implementation of Job Services Australia.

# Paul Grigson, Deputy Secretary Infrastructure, Transport Security and Customs/Deputy Comptroller-General



Paul Grigson commenced in the role of Deputy Secretary Infrastructure, Transport Security and Customs Group on 19 February 2018. Paul is also the Deputy Comptroller-General of Customs. Paul joined the Department's Portfolio leadership team from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, where Paul was Australia's Ambassador to Indonesia from January 2015.

Paul was a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Department in September 2010. In 2014 Paul was Australia's Special Representative to Pakistan and Afghanistan. Before this, Paul was Ambassador to Thailand (2008-2010). Paul has also served overseas as Ambassador to Burma (Myanmar) (2003-2004); Chief Negotiator of the Peace Monitoring Group in Bougainville (2000); and Counsellor later Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh (1993-1995).

From 2007 to 2008, Paul served as Chief of Staff to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Other roles with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade include First Assistant Secretary, South East Asia Division (2004-2007); Assistant Secretary, Maritime South-East Asia Branch (2000-2003); Director, Parliamentary Liaison and Freedom of Information Section (1992-1993); Adviser, Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (1992); and Media Liaison Officer (1991-1992). Paul also served as Senior Adviser, International Division in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (1997-2000).

Paul holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Journalism from the University of Queensland, a Bachelor of Letters from the Australian National University and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance from the Securities Institute of Australia. Paul is married with two children.

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# Linda Geddes, Commonwealth Counter-Terrorism Coordinator



Linda Geddes was appointed the Commonwealth Counter-Terrorism Coordinator in September 2018 and is responsible for coordinating Australia's Counter-Terrorism arrangements and leading the development and implementation of counter-terrorism strategies and policy. In this role, Linda works in close partnership with Commonwealth and State and Territory agencies as well as international partners.

Most recently, Linda was the Deputy Secretary for Policy in the Department of Home Affairs. In this role, Linda led a diverse workforce in the design and development of national security and law enforcement policy, immigration, citizenship and multicultural affairs policy and international policy.

Prior to this, Linda held a number of senior positions in the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Office of National Assessments. Linda also held several positions in the Australian Signals Directorate and New Zealand's Government Communications and Security Bureau and spent eleven years serving in the Australian Defence Force (Army).

Linda holds a Masters of Public Policy.

# **Chris Teal, National Counter Foreign Interference Coordinator**



Chris Teal has been appointed Australia's inaugural National Counter Foreign Interference Coordinator.

The National Counter Foreign Interference Coordinator delivers an effective, efficient and consistent national response to foreign interference by providing a focal point for coordinating policy and program development and leading engagement with private sector areas.

As the National Counter Foreign Interference Coordinator, Chris holds the position of Deputy Secretary in the Department of Home Affairs and is seconded from the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation where Chris has had over 20 years of experience in national security.

Chris holds a Bachelor of Economics Degree and a Master of Business Administration.

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# Karl Kent, Commonwealth Transnational Serious and Organised Crime Coordinator



On 1 May 2018, Minister for Home Affairs the Hon Peter Dutton MP announced the appointment of Australian Federal Police (AFP) Deputy Commissioner Karl Kent OAM as Australia's first Commonwealth Transnational, Serious and Organised Crime (TSOC) Coordinator.

Organised crime in Australia is resilient and sophisticated. It is conducted as part of a flexible and innovative business model that is well-financed, professionally resourced and increasingly operates in a borderless digital environment.

Australia's response requires a coordinated national and international approach.

As the Commonwealth TSOC Coordinator, Karl's role is to lead the national effort to combat the rapidly evolving threat posed by TSOC, including child exploitation, illicit drugs, illicit firearms and money laundering.

Karl has a distinguished career in policing and national security operations, in both the AFP and Victoria Police.

Karl has served the community for more than 30 years, in Australia and overseas. Karl was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for his contribution to the investigation into the Bali bombings in 2002. In 2004, Karl led an Australian Police Disaster Victim Identification team to Thailand in response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami disaster. Karl was subsequently elected as Joint Chief of Staff during the crisis, and later awarded a Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal for his contribution to the operation.

Karl specialises in close operational support, organisational reform, and delivery of new capabilities and services. Karl is a strong champion for innovation, process improvement and change. Karl has a Bachelor of Science from the University of New South Wales and an Advanced Diploma of Forensic Investigation from the Canberra Institute of Technology.

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# Michael Milford, Group Manager Technology and Major Capability



Mike Milford AM is the recently appointed Group Head of the Technology and Major Capability Group of Home Affairs. This newly established Group increases Home Affairs' focus on ICT and other capabilities as critical enablers of the business operations of the Portfolio.

Mike joined the Department of Immigration and Border Protection in 2015 and since then has held the roles of First Assistant Secretary, Major Capability Division, responsible for the design, coordination and project management for all new major capabilities, and Chief Information Officer, responsible for ICT service delivery to the Department.

Mike's prior career was in the Army, from which Mike retired in 2015 as a Major General, and Head of ICT Operations at Defence. During his time in the CIO Group, Mike held a number of roles including Chief Technology Officer, and had responsibility for the Defence Single Information Environment, global terrestrial and satellite communications, and international engagement on military communications.

Mike is married to <sup>s22(1)</sup><sub>(a)(ii)</sub> and they have three children, <sup>s22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>. Mike is an avid reader and fisherman.

## Ministerial Forums

### Key Highlights

You are currently involved in seven forums which deal with a broad range of matters within your Portfolio.

### Australian Multicultural Council (AMC)

*Established:* 12 August 2011

*Term:* The current term is for 3 years – ending 17 June 2021

*Membership:* 12

*Authority:* Membership approved by Cabinet

*Purpose:* AMC is a ministerially appointed body that provides advice to Government on multicultural affairs, social cohesion and integration policy and programs. The Council has a focus on strengthening public understanding of a shared Australian identity and harnessing the economic and social benefits of our diverse population.

*Outlook:* The next AMC meeting has yet to be scheduled. Current membership is not due to expire until 17 June 2021.

### Ministerial Advisory Council on Skilled Migration (MACSM)

*Established:* 1 July 2012

*Term:* Ongoing

*Membership:* Nine – MACSM has two current appointees whose current terms end on 30 June 2019. Seven positions are currently vacant.

*Authority:* s140AB of the *Migration Act 1958*

*Purpose:* MACSM is a tripartite body comprising industry, union and government representatives, which provides advice to you as Minister for Australia's temporary and permanent skilled migration programs and associated matters.

*Outlook:* It is a legislative requirement that you as Minister take all reasonable steps to ensure that MACSM has members from industry, union and government representatives. Options to recruit to this Council are underway.

### Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention (MCASD)

*MCASD is proposed to be rebranded as Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Refugees to reflect the changed mandate.*

*Established:* This Council was first established in 2001.

*Term:* The former Council completed its term in April 2018. Previous Councils terms were for a period of three years.

*Membership:* Seven – these positions remain vacant

*Authority:* Ministerial decision

*Purpose:* MCASD will have a revised mandate and will focus on challenges and opportunities to strengthen Australia's humanitarian program and the management of asylum seekers.

**Outlook:** Your agreement will be sought to re-establish the Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention with a proposed term of three years, updated terms of reference, and agreement to seven members, including a nominated Chair.

**Independent Health Advice Panel (IHAP)**

**Established:** 1 April 2019

**Term:** 3 years

**Membership:** Eight – IHAP has two ministerial appointees and four current vacancies. The Chief Medical Officer and Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer are IHAP members but are not appointed by the Minister.

**Authority:** s199A of the *Migration Act 1958*

**Purpose:** IHAP's legislated purpose is to monitor, assess and report on the physical and mental health of transitory persons who are in regional processing countries and the standard of health services provided to them.

**Outlook:** It is a legislative requirement that you as Minister take all reasonable steps to ensure that IHAP has at least six Ministerially appointed members. Options to recruit to this Panel are underway.

**Settlement Services Advisory Council (SSAC)**

**Term:** 3 years – ending 23 March 2021

**Membership:** 11

**Authority:** Prime Ministerial decision

**Purpose:** The Settlement Services Advisory Council is a Ministerially appointed body that advises the Australian Government on migrant settlement and social cohesion, including humanitarian settlement.

**Outlook:** The Council develops a work program that identifies priority issues and groups within the terms of reference for endorsement by the Minister. The Minister may request the Council take on specific additional responsibilities in response to emerging settlement issues.

**Global Talent Scheme Startup Advisory Panel**

**Established:** 23 October 2018

**Term:** Ending 30 June 2019

**Membership:** 6

**Authority:** Ministerial decision

**Purpose:** The Panel is a Ministerially appointed body used for the Global Talent Scheme. It represents a broad cross-section of the Australian startup ecosystem and emerging technological industries. The Panel provides independent assessments and advice on the legitimacy of startup businesses wishing to access the Global Talent Scheme Startup Stream.

**Outlook:** The Global Talent Scheme initial pilot stage concludes on 30 June 2019.

**National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI)**

**Established:** 14 September 1977

**Term:** Ongoing

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- Membership:* NAATI's members are the Minister from each jurisdiction (Commonwealth, state and territory) with portfolio responsibilities for multicultural affairs or interpreting services. Each Minister may be represented by a senior official.
- Authority:* Constitution approved by the Member Governments
- Purpose:* NAATI's members nominate and endorse the six members of the Board of Directors. The Commonwealth Minister formally appoints each endorsed candidate for a period of three years.
- Outlook:* The term of one of the Board members expires on 30 November 2019. The Department will make a recommendation to fill the upcoming vacancy.

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## Portfolio Statistics

### Key Highlights

The Portfolio Statistics reports prepared by Data Division within the Department provide a regular snapshot of metrics and trends covering certain key aspects of the Department. The reports will also highlight emerging or prominent issues.

### Home Affairs Portfolio – Quick Facts

This weekly statistical publication contains a range of high-level statistics from across the Portfolio. See [Appendix 3](#).

### Home Affairs Weekly Statistics

The intention of the Weekly Statistics publication is to provide a regular snapshot of metrics and trends covering certain key aspects of the Department.

These reports will be emailed to your office each week. They are not for further distribution.

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## Personal Ministerial Powers

### Key Highlights

The Department administers legislation that includes personal (non-delegable) powers of the Minister. These powers relate to the national interest or public interest or otherwise are to be exercised by the Minister personally (some of which are non-compellable).

### Overview

A selection of personal powers under a selection of Acts administered by the Department are provided below. All legislation administered by the Department is included in the Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO). If two or more Ministers (including Assistant Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries) are jointly commissioned to administer a Department, then each Minister is 'the Minister' under the legislation administered by the Department, as specified in the relevant AAO.

#### *Migration Act 1958* (Migration Act)

The Migration Act contains personal powers the Minister exercises in the public or national interest including:

- non-compellable powers to substitute a more favourable decision than one made by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) (public interest - ss 351, 417 or 501J);
- lifting the bar preventing a person making a valid visa application (public interest - ss 48B, 46A, 46B);
- granting a detainee a visa (public interest - s 195A);
- designate that a country is a regional processing country (national interest - s 198AB); and
- power to refuse or cancel a visa on character grounds (national interest - s 501(3)).

The Minister must also personally approve, or refuse to approve, a legacy minor or relevant transitory person's transfer to Australia in certain circumstances (ss 198D(2), 198E(3)). There are also personal powers in ss 72, 91Q, 91L, 133A, 133C, 133F, 197AD, 198AD, 198AE, 336L, 501A, 501BA, 198F.

#### *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* (Citizenship Act)

The Citizenship Act includes several personal powers of the Minister including providing alternative special residence requirements for certain citizenship applicants (ss 22A(1A) and 22B(1A)), the power to revoke a person's citizenship in certain circumstances (s 34A(1)) and personal powers in ss 35, 35AA and 35A.

#### *Customs Act 1901* (Customs Act)

Under the Customs Act, the Minister has the following personal powers:

- order a Collector to detain goods specified in the order if it is in the public interest (s 77EA(1));
- authorise the delivery into home consumption of detained goods (s 77ED(1)); and
- authorise the export of detained goods (ss 77EE(1)) and the export of goods that have not, under the Minister's authority, been delivered into home consumption or exported (s 77EF(2)).

#### *Maritime Powers Act 2013* (Maritime Powers Act)

The Maritime Powers Act has non-delegable powers, exercisable in the national interest by the Minister. These include the power to determine that maritime powers may be exercised between Australia and another country in specific circumstances (s 75D) and a power to give specific and general directions about the exercise of

powers in ss 69, 71 and 72 to detain and move vessels and persons (s75F). There is also a power in s 75H to exempt certain vessels involved in maritime operations from the application of certain Acts.

*Australian Border Force Act 2015 (ABF Act)*

A reference in the ABF Act to the Minister doing something is a reference to the Minister acting personally. The Minister has a number of personal powers including prescribing a kind of information for the purposes of the definition of 'Immigration and Border Protection Information' (s 4(7)). There are also personal powers included in ss 14, 17, 18, 22, 23 and 58.

**Security, Law Enforcement and other legislation**

The Minister also personally exercises the following selection of powers in the Home Affairs Portfolio:

- issuing guidelines to the Director-General of ASIO under s 8A of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* (ASIO Act);
- determining whether a security assessment should be withheld from a person for security reasons under s 38 of the ASIO Act;
- issuing a public interest certificate to withhold certain information relating to the review of an ASIO security assessment under s 39B of the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*;
- issuing a security notice to stop an individual receiving welfare payments under the *Paid Parental Leave Act 2010*, *Social Security Act 1991* and *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999*;
- consenting to requests for interim control orders under the terrorism provisions in Part 5.3 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (the Criminal Code); and
- other powers and functions including under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*, *Intelligence Services Act 2001*, *AusCheck Act 2007* and *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004*.

The Attorney-General and the Minister for Home Affairs share both administrative and policy responsibility for the *Crimes Act 1914*, and while the Attorney-General administers the Criminal Code, the Minister for Home Affairs has primary policy responsibility. In practice what this means for the Criminal Code is that:

- the AFP investigates federal offences;
- the Attorney-General 'owns' the Criminal Code and responsibility for amendments to it; and
- the Minister for Home Affairs develops policy for offences, working with the Attorney-General.

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## Providing Advice to Your Office

### Key Highlights

The Department provides a range of advice to you as Minister. This will come to you in the form of Cabinet and Ministerial Submissions, briefs, correspondence and email advice. We will work with your office to finalise personal preferences on language, style and templates to ensure the advice is targeted to meet your needs.

### Overview

The Department is committed to providing you with advice that is timely, succinct, evidence-based and impartial. Our advice is apolitical and intended to support you to deliver the Government's policy agenda and priorities.

Our advice will be provided to you in written format and will provide information to assist you in decision making. There will be times when there is value in having oral discussions and in support of this the Department will provide you with such advice in writing to allow for transparent decision making.

Executive Coordination Division provides direct support to you and all Portfolio Ministers through the management and coordination of advice to Ministerial Offices, including:

### Cabinet Submissions

A Cabinet Submission is a proposal that seeks agreement from the Cabinet to take a particular course of action. Submissions must be sponsored by the relevant Cabinet Minister with portfolio responsibility, and may be jointly sponsored by more than one Minister across one or multiple portfolios. Whole-of-Government consultation on a Submission occurs through the circulation of an Exposure Draft—where policy comment and drafting suggestions are sought—and through the circulation of the Co-ordination Final—where affected agencies provide a formal comment on their support for the proposal.

### Ministerial Submissions

A Ministerial Submission is a formal document that provides you with advice or information on a particular subject or case. A Ministerial Submission provides you with a recommendation that requires you to make a decision, for example: Note, Approve, Sign or Agree. Each Submission must be signed by you as the Minister. Ministerial Submissions are generally initiated by the Department.

### Ministerial Briefs

A Ministerial brief provides you with advice or information regarding an upcoming event or meeting, an individual case (visa, citizenship, detention etc.) or any other matter on which you have requested information. Ministerial brief requests are usually initiated by your office. Ministerial briefs are provided for information only. There is no recommendation or decision and the document is not required to be signed.

### Ministerial Correspondence

Ministerial correspondence is any hard copy or electronic correspondence sent to you. Your electronic correspondence will be managed through a web-form. All Portfolio-related Ministerial correspondence is registered in the Whole-of-Government Parliamentary Document Management System (PDMS) where a high priority is placed on the development of responses for your signature or departmental delegate.

### Email Advice

It is Departmental policy that all written advice provided to Ministerial Offices be submitted via a Ministerial Submission or brief and be recorded in PDMS. Urgent advice will be provided via email as required.

### **Question Time Briefs**

Prior to each Parliamentary sitting, a folder (or electronic package) of Question Time Briefs (QTBs) is prepared, providing suggested talking points and background information in relation issues that may be raised in question time.

### **Parliamentary Questions on Notice**

The Department monitors the parliamentary notice papers for written questions asked of you and drafts responses for your consideration and approval. Once approved, the Department will table the response on your behalf.

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## Oversight and External Scrutiny

### Key Highlights

The Department is subject to a range of oversight and external scrutiny bodies including the Australian Commissioner for Law Enforcement and Integrity (ACLEI), the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO), the Commonwealth Ombudsman (Ombudsman), the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC), the Australian Red Cross (ARC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

### Overview

Under Legislation, the following entities are enabled to examine and scrutinise the functions of the Department:

ACLEI - The Office of the Integrity Commissioner supported by ACLEI was established by the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* (LEIC Act). The Integrity Commissioner is responsible for detecting, investigating and preventing corrupt conduct in law enforcement agencies within their jurisdiction; including the Department of Home Affairs.

The LEIC Act requires the Department to refer all allegations or information regarding corruption issues to the Integrity Commissioner. On 1 March 2018, the Integrity Commissioner entered into an agreement with the Secretary of Home Affairs under s17 of the LEIC Act, which permits the Department to investigate non-significant corruption issues within the Department. The AFP is the only other agency where such an agreement exists.

The Department's Professional Standards and Integrity Framework compels reporting of serious misconduct, corrupt conduct and criminal activity. Key elements of the Framework include the Secretary's Direction on Integrity Measures made under subsection 55(1) of the *Australian Border Force Act 2015* (ABF Act) and the Mandatory Reporting policy.

The Secretary's Direction on Integrity Measures requires Immigration and Border Protection (IBP) workers (as defined by subsection 4(1) of the ABF Act) to comply with mandatory reporting of IBP workers who are reasonably believed to be engaging in serious misconduct, corrupt conduct or criminal activity. The Mandatory Reporting policy provides detail about these obligations and defines conduct that must be reported and how this should be reported. The Department assesses all reports of serious misconduct, corruption or criminal activity and refers all corruption issues that are raised to ACLEI.

ANAO - The Australian National Audit Office (*Auditor-General Act 1997*) supports improvement to public sector performance, accountability and transparency in the Australian Government sector through independent reporting to the Parliament, the Executive and the public.

The ANAO is currently conducting four audits relevant to the Home Affairs Portfolio: (additional detail on these audits and the progress on the implementation of recently completed audits, in relation to the Department and ABF, can be found at Attachment A).

- Commonwealth resource management framework and the clear read principle;
- Coordination arrangements of Australian Government entities operating in the Torres Strait;
- Management of the Tourist Refund Scheme; and
- Procurement of garrison support and welfare services.

On 11 February 2019, the ANAO provided a draft work program outlining audits they are considering conducting in the 2019-20 financial year. This included the following relevant to the Department:

- Border Intelligence Fusion Centre;

- Collection of visa revenue;
- Management of the Civil Maritime Surveillance Services contract; and
- Fraud and Integrity Management in the Department of Home Affairs.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office (*Ombudsman Act 1976*) undertakes three major statutory roles: complaint investigations, own motion investigations, and compliance auditing. Under section 4(4) of the Act, the Ombudsman is conferred the title of Immigration Ombudsman including for immigration detention matters. Following the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT) in June 2017, the Ombudsman was also appointed as the Inspector of Commonwealth Places of Detention.

The Australian Human Rights Commission (*Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986*) is an independent statutory body and reports to Parliament through the Attorney-General. The AHRC manages and assists with the resolution of human rights complaints. If the AHRC considers that the complaint should be investigated, a delegate of the President of the AHRC will write to the Secretary initiating a formal inquiry.

The Department also responds to scrutiny requests from the Australian Red Cross (ARC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which act as humanitarian observers. The ARC monitors the conditions of detention and the treatment of people within immigration detention centres, and the ICRC observes transitory persons in regional processing countries. The Department provides responses to reports and individual case escalations, coordinates meetings as required, and responds to requests for information from the ARC and ICRC.

When appropriate, the Department refers matters for prosecution to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. The Department also works closely with international and state law enforcement agencies.

## **Legislative Framework**

*Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986*

*Ombudsman Act 1976*

*Auditor-General Act 1997*

*Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*

*Public Service Act 1999*

*Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013*

*Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act 1986*

## **Outlook**

In July 2017, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet published a report of the *2017 Independent Intelligence Review* (IIR).

Recommendation 21 of the IIR recommended that oversight by the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (IGIS) be expanded to the intelligence function of all ten agencies within the NIC.

The Government did not release a formal response to the IIR, but stated that it accepted the recommendations 'as a sound basis to reform Australia's intelligence arrangements', and has been progressively implementing them.

Legislation defining the IGIS's remit over the Department of Home Affairs, Australian Federal Police, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and AUSTRAC is yet to be introduced to Parliament. It was a recommendation from the 2017 Independent Intelligence review, led by PM&C.

If this legislation progresses in a new term of Parliament we wish to ensure that the remit of the IGIS does not include non-intelligence functions within the Department and ABF which are the customers of intelligence products. Nor should it include the information collection functions which enable us to collect and analyse information to make visa and citizenship decisions and for the ABF to intervene with people and goods at the border. This would be adding oversight functions without taking any away as these functions are already subject to extensive oversight arrangements.

We could define the bounds of the Inspector-General's oversight to the organisational entity within the Department of Home Affairs known as the Intelligence Division. This is the simplest and most elegant solution, akin to the model that Defence has for DIO, that will ensure that this oversight is limited to the performance of classical intelligence functions.

In December 2018, your Government announced you would establish a Commonwealth Integrity Commission (CIC). However, there are differing views on its design and operating model. The proposed CIC would comprise a 'law enforcement integrity division' incorporating the existing structure, jurisdiction and powers of ACLEI and a new 'public sector integrity division'. The Attorney-General's Department (AGD) is responsible for administration of the LEIC Act and leading the establishment of the CIC. The Department will work closely with AGD to support the effective establishment of a robust CIC.

## **Attachments**

A: Key ANAO Audits for the Department of Home Affairs and Australian Border Force.

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## **Attachment A**

### *Significant ANAO audits*

There are four active ANAO performance audits:

- **Coordination Arrangements of Australian Government Entities Operating in the Torres Strait** is a cross entity audit examining the coordination of significant operations in the Torres Strait.
  - On 8 April 2019, the draft report was provided to the Department for consideration and comments. The Department will provide a response to the ANAO by 15 May 2019. It is unknown when the report will be tabled, however the ANAO have advised it will be following caretaker period.
- **Tourist Refund Scheme** audit is a cross-entity audit involving the Australian Border Force and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). The objective of the audit is to examine whether the Tourist Refund Scheme is being effectively administered, with the appropriate management of risks.
  - Fieldwork has commenced and the proposed date for the tabling of the final report is June 2019.
- **Commonwealth Resource Management Framework and the Clear Read Principle** audit is examining the effectiveness of the design and implementation of the clear read principle under the Commonwealth Resource Management Framework, including whether selected entities have addressed Parliamentary expectations and established a clear read through of their 2017-18 performance measurement and reporting.
  - On 19 March 2019, the ANAO notified the Department that the Auditor-General decided to include the Department in the cross-entity audit. An entry interview was held on 9 April 2019. The ANAO have commenced the fieldwork for this audit. The final report is expected to be tabled by September 2019.
- **Procurement of Garrison Support and Welfare Services** audit is examining whether the Department has appropriately managed the procurement of garrison support and welfare services in regional processing countries.
  - On 28 March 2019, the ANAO notified the Department that the Auditor-General decided to conduct an audit on the procurement of garrison support and welfare services contracts. An entry interview was held on 5 April 2019. The ANAO have commenced the fieldwork for this audit. The final report is expected to be tabled by January 2020.

### *Implementation Status of Significant ANAO Audits*

#### **Cape Class Patrol Boat – In Service Support Arrangements – tabled 18 December 2018**

##### *Media reports of seeking redaction of ANAO report*

- On 20 December 2018, several media outlets reported that the Department had sought to redact parts of the ANAO report into the *Cape Class Patrol Boat – In Service Support Arrangements*.
- This was in relation to a letter sent on 4 October 2018 by the Chief Audit Executive of the Department to the Auditor-General in response to the review of the Report Preparation Paper (RPP) for the *Cape Class Patrol Boat – In Service Support Arrangements* audit.
- In the letter, the Department raised concerns that the RPP contained material that, if made public in the final report, may have prejudiced national security and Commonwealth commercial interests.



- In the letter, the Department noted that it may consider making an application for an Attorney-General's certificate under section 37 to protect that information.
- The Department considers any potential risks to national security and Commonwealth commercial interests identified in the RPP were sufficiently dealt with in the final report.
- No parts of the final report were redacted or sought to be redacted at any stage by the Department.

***Efficiency of the Processing of Applications for Citizenship by Conferral – tabled 11 February 2019***

*ANAO rejoinders to the Department's response*

- On the 11 February 2019, the ANAO published the audit *Efficiency of the Processing of Applications for Citizenship by Conferral* with rejoinders to the Department's responses to the audit.
- The Department maintains that the processing of citizenship applications is efficient.
- The continued reform program and enhanced integrity measures adopted by the Department over the last three years to protect Australia's national security and community safety are delivering results. The Department will always prioritise these efforts over speed.
- The Department maintains the position outlined in its published response.

***Mitigating Insider Threats – tabled 11 May 2018***

*Audit report*

- This report assessed the effectiveness of the Australian Government's personnel security arrangements for mitigating insider threats against two criterion. The Department was assessed against Criterion two – are selected entities complying with personnel security requirements. The entities assessed included:
  - Attorney-General's Department (AGD);
  - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA);
  - Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC);
  - Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs); and
  - Digital Transformation Agency (DTA).
- The ANAO noted that the Department has plans, policies and procedures in place for personnel security.
- ANAO concluded that all entities undertake an annual health check for clearance holders and their managers, as well as implement a quality assurance mechanism to reconcile their personnel records with AGSVA's clearance holder records.

# **IMMIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP, MIGRANT SERVICES AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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## Australia's Immigration Program

### Key Highlights

Australia has a global, non-discriminatory immigration program that regulates the entry and stay of non-citizens to support economic, social cohesion and security objectives. It does this through more than 100 visas enabling tourism, international education, skilled work and skills transfer, family reunion, humanitarian protection and complex status resolution.

The Department has sought to improve its capacity to facilitate the entry and stay of legitimate travellers and migrants while also improving the capability to detect and respond to those who would seek to do Australia harm or subvert immigration controls.

There is a need to modernise the current legal framework and ICT systems to underpin the efficiency, efficacy and sustainability of the immigration program.

### Overview

The Department is responsible for leading Whole-of-Government policy and programs relating to immigration, citizenship, multicultural affairs and social cohesion. This includes administering visas for temporary entry as well as permanent residence through the Permanent Migration (Skilled, Family, Child and Special Eligibility) and Humanitarian programs (Refugee, Special Humanitarian, Onshore Protection and Community Support). A full list of visas is in the Visa subclass matrix at [Appendix 4](#). The immigration function is delivered in 38 locations across 36 countries overseas and in all State and Territory capitals in Australia. There are approximately 4,100 staff involved in visa and citizenship processing and direct program enabling activities globally.

The size of the Migration Program and the Humanitarian Program are determined by Cabinet taking account of Whole-of-Government impacts of these programs (see separate briefs on the Migration Program and Humanitarian Program). Any changes to visa settings for skilled work and students are made in consultation with the Employment and Education ministers.

Immigration contributes to taxation revenue from Visa Application Charges (VAC). Revenue raised through VACs is expected to increase to over \$2.541 billion in the 2018–19 Financial Year.

### Current Situation

Most of the temporary visa categories are uncapped. The Migration Program has a ceiling of 160,000 places for 2019-20, with approximately two thirds of places allocated to skilled migrants. The Humanitarian Program for 2019-20 comprises 18,750 places, with over 90 per cent of places allocated to people in need of resettlement overseas and a strong focus on women and children.

The rising volumes of visa applications, changing risk profiles for national security, criminality and fraud risks, complexity of the visa framework and reliance on aged and manual processing systems has created significant pressure on the immigration program. The program is experiencing continuous growth in visa applications, forecast to reach almost 10 million applications in 2018-19 and 13 million by 2026-27.

Responding to this growth and changing environment requires continual refinement of our intelligence and risk-informed approach to ensure facilitation of legitimate travellers and migrants and identification of those who pose a risk to Australia or to the national interest. The complexity of the current visa framework, and aged ICT systems and manual processes produces increased risks for the community and the Government. In addition, it is difficult for the public to navigate; it is expensive for the Department to administer; and implementing changes to Government policy is costly and requires long lead times.

More detail on the Department's current approach to administration of the Immigration Program is included at [Appendix 5](#). Key immigration statistics are at [Appendix 6](#).

## Legislative Framework

The visa framework is governed by the *Migration Act 1958* and the *Migration Regulations 1994* and supported by ministerial directions, instruments and procedural advice manuals. Other enabling legislation includes the *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946*, *Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Act 1997*, *Migration (Health Services) Charge Act 1991*, *Migration (Sponsorship Fees) Act 2007* and *Migration (Visa Application) Charge Act 1997*.

Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis against applicable criteria. Most onshore visa decisions and sponsored visa decisions are merits reviewable by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, and may also be subject to judicial review. The number of people seeking merits and judicial review of a visa decision is significant. As at 30 April 2019, the Migration and Refugee Division of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) had over 57,000 active matters across the Migration and Refugee caseloads. The Department is managing a litigation caseload of over 9,700 matters in the courts and the General and Other Division of the AAT.

## Stakeholders / Forums

Key stakeholders include: business; industry; unions; academia; Australian Government departments, State, Territory and Local Governments; governments of other countries; multicultural, refugee and other community organisations; and people seeking to travel to Australia and their representatives.

## Outlook

Reducing complexity in the visa framework and modernising service delivery arrangements for the Immigration Program will result in a more efficient and effective program and better support the Government's policy intent with respect to the regulation of temporary entry, migration and associated visa pathways.

You will be provided with options and timings to deliver on the Government's commitment to simplify the temporary visa framework in line with the delivery of the Global Digital Platform (see separate brief).

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## Permanent Migration Program

### Key Highlights

Australia's permanent Migration Program aims to maximise the economic and social benefits of immigration by:

- attracting and selecting highly qualified, skilled and young migrants, who participate in the workforce and who make a net economic contribution whilst offsetting Australia's ageing workforce and filling skill gaps; and
- supporting reunion of Australians and their families.

The permanent Migration Program planning ceiling is set annually. The planning ceiling for 2019-20 is 160,000 places.

### Overview

A wide range of factors are considered in setting the size and composition of the permanent Migration Program, including Commonwealth Government stakeholder views, State and Territory Government views, immediate and forecast long-term social and economic trends (including trends in the workforce) and the family reunion needs of Australians.

Permanent migration brings significant economic and social benefits and supports a wide variety of Whole-of-Government policy objectives. Migration contributes to higher levels of Gross Domestic Product growth per capita and improves labour productivity. Migrants also increase consumption by enlarging and diversifying the pool of consumers, and encouraging personal and business capital flows.

The permanent Migration Program is a significant contributor to Australia's population.

### Current Situation

The permanent Migration Program has been set at a planning ceiling of 160,000 places for the year 2019-20.

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The permanent Migration Program consists of three streams:

- Skill stream – improves the productive capacity of the economy and fills skill shortages in the labour market, including those in regional Australia. The Skill stream planning ceiling for 2019-20 is 108,682 places.
- Family stream – allows Australian citizens and permanent residents to reunite with close family members, including partners, and certain dependent relatives. The Family stream planning ceiling for 2019-20 is 47,732 places.
- Special Eligibility stream – provides visas for those in special circumstances, including former residents. The Special Eligibility stream planning ceiling for 2019-20 is 236 places.

The Child category is not subject to a ceiling but is estimated at 3350 places for the year 2019-20.

The permanent Migration Program has a number of visas that require State or Territory Government nomination:

- State/Territory Nominated visa category (24,968 places);
- Regional category, specifically the Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (14,000 places); and

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- States and Territory nomination is also available under the Business Innovation and Investment Program category (6,862 places).

The composition of the permanent Migration Program ensures that the proportion of skilled migration does not fall below two-thirds of the overall program. The permanent Migration Program has been predominantly skilled migration since the mid-1990s.

Since the 2014-15 program year, the permanent Migration Program planning level has been treated as a ceiling rather than a target. The Department does not lower standards or move places between categories in order to reach the ceiling.

### **Legislative Framework**

Section 85 of the *Migration Act 1958* provides that the Minister may, by legislative instrument, determine the maximum number of visas of a specified class or classes that may be granted in a specified financial year. This section is also known as the 'cap and queue' power, and enables the Minister to manage the permanent Migration Program more efficiently by limiting the number of visas of a specific class that may be granted. Additional applications that satisfy the criteria for grant will be queued for possible grant in a future financial year.

The Parent, Contributory Parent and Other Family visas are capped at their respective planning levels in each financial year. This is due to the large number of on-hand applications that exceeds the number of places available under the permanent Migration Program.

### **Stakeholders / Forums**

The Department conducts an annual consultation process on the size and composition of the permanent Migration Program. Input is sought from:

- Commonwealth Government agencies;
- State and Territory Governments, and local governments via the Australian Local Government Association;
- the public including industry, community groups and academics.

To support the consultation process, a discussion paper is published on the Department's website.

State and Territory Governments also provide submissions on the number of applicants they would like to nominate within the State or Territory nominated components of the Skill stream.

State Migration Plans are the current mechanism for articulating skilled and business migration settings for State and Territory Governments. All States and Territories have an agreement in place, which have been active since mid-2014.

State and Territories are also consulted through the Skilled Migration Officials Group, which discusses proposals and new initiatives in relation to skilled migration.

### **Outlook**

Your Government has agreed to the Migration Program planning ceiling remaining at 160,000 places over the forward estimates as announced at Budget 2019-20.

### **Attachments**

- A: 2019-20 Migration Program
- B: Permanent Migration Program and Humanitarian Program outcomes 1996-2018

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### Attachment A - Migration Program 2019-20

| Stream and Category                              | 2019-20         |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>Skill Stream</b>                              |                 |
| Employer Sponsored                               | 30,000          |
| Skilled Independent                              | 18,652          |
| Regional Category                                | 23,000          |
| <i>Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional</i>       | <i>(9,000)</i>  |
| <i>Skilled Work Regional</i>                     | <i>(14,000)</i> |
| State/Territory Nominated                        | 24,968          |
| Business Innovation and Investment Program       | 6,862           |
| Global Talent Program                            | 5,000           |
| Distinguished Talent                             | 200             |
| <b>Skill Total</b>                               | <b>108,682</b>  |
| <b>Family Stream</b>                             |                 |
| Partner  | 39,799          |
| Parent   | 7,371           |
| Other Family                                     | 562             |
| <b>Family Total</b>                              | <b>47,732</b>   |
| <b>Special Eligibility</b>                       | <b>236</b>      |
| <b>Total Migration Program (excluding child)</b> | <b>156,650</b>  |
| Child (not subject to a ceiling)                 | 3,350           |
| <b>Total Migration Program</b>                   | <b>160,000</b>  |

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### Attachment B – Migration and Humanitarian Program outcome 1996–2018 and Net Overseas Migration

| Year    | Family | Skill   | Special Eligibility | Child | Total Migration Program Outcome | Skill as % of Total | Humanitarian Program | Net Overseas Migration <sup>1</sup> |
|---------|--------|---------|---------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1996-97 | 37,176 | 34,676  | 1,735               | n/a   | 73,587                          | 47%                 | 11,902 <sup>2</sup>  | 87,200                              |
| 1997-98 | 31,281 | 34,446  | 1,113               | n/a   | 66,840                          | 52%                 | 12,055               | 79,100                              |
| 1998-99 | 32,038 | 34,895  | 888                 | n/a   | 67,821                          | 51%                 | 11,356               | 96,500                              |
| 1999-00 | 32,017 | 35,352  | 2,868               | n/a   | 70,237                          | 50%                 | 15,860               | 107,200                             |
| 2000-01 | 33,461 | 44,721  | 2,415               | n/a   | 80,597                          | 55%                 | 13,733               | 135,700                             |
| 2001-02 | 38,082 | 53,507  | 1,465               | n/a   | 93,054                          | 58%                 | 12,349               | 110,600                             |
| 2002-03 | 40,794 | 66,053  | 1,225               | n/a   | 108,072                         | 61%                 | 12,525               | 116,500                             |
| 2003-04 | 42,229 | 71,243  | 890                 | n/a   | 114,362                         | 62%                 | 13,823               | 100,000                             |
| 2004-05 | 41,736 | 77,878  | 450                 | n/a   | 120,064                         | 65%                 | 13,178               | 123,800                             |
| 2005-06 | 45,291 | 97,336  | 306                 | n/a   | 142,933                         | 68%                 | 14,144               | 146,700                             |
| 2006-07 | 50,079 | 97,922  | 199                 | n/a   | 148,200                         | 66%                 | 13,017               | 232,700                             |
| 2007-08 | 49,870 | 108,540 | 220                 | n/a   | 158,630                         | 68%                 | 13,014               | 277,400                             |
| 2008-09 | 56,366 | 114,777 | 175                 | n/a   | 171,318                         | 67%                 | 13,507               | 299,800                             |
| 2009-10 | 60,254 | 107,868 | 501                 | n/a   | 168,623                         | 64%                 | 13,770               | 196,100                             |
| 2010-11 | 54,543 | 113,725 | 417                 | n/a   | 168,685                         | 67%                 | 13,750               | 180,400                             |
| 2011-12 | 58,604 | 125,755 | 639                 | n/a   | 184,998                         | 68%                 | 13,759               | 229,500                             |
| 2012-13 | 60,185 | 128,973 | 842                 | n/a   | 190,000                         | 68%                 | 19,988               | 227,200                             |
| 2013-14 | 61,112 | 128,550 | 338                 | n/a   | 190,000                         | 68%                 | 13,747               | 186,400                             |
| 2014-15 | 61,085 | 127,774 | 238                 | n/a   | 189,097                         | 68%                 | 13,748               | 178,600                             |
| 2015-16 | 57,400 | 128,550 | 308                 | 3,512 | 189,770                         | 68%                 | 17,555               | 193,000                             |
| 2016-17 | 56,220 | 123,567 | 421                 | 3,400 | 183,608                         | 67%                 | 21,968               | 263,400                             |
| 2017-18 | 47,732 | 111,099 | 236                 | 3,350 | 162,417                         | 68%                 | 16,250               | 236,700 <sup>3</sup>                |

<sup>1</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Demographic Statistics, ABS. Cat. No. 3101.0. NOM measures the balance of usual residence, which is determined by the 12/16 month rule:

- If a person is present in Australia for 12 out of 16 months, they are considered to be a 'usual resident'. If a person has been outside of Australia for 12 out of 16 months, they have ceased to be a 'usual resident'.
- NOM counts any person who satisfies the 12/16 month rule, including longer term temporary entrants (such as international students and temporary skilled business entrants), citizens returning to Australia after long periods overseas, and the movements of New Zealand citizens under the Trans-Tasman Agreement.

<sup>2</sup> In the mid-80s, the Government established the size of the Humanitarian Program at 11,000-12,000. This size remained at around 13,000 until 2017-18, with several exceptions—for example, higher numbers of humanitarian visas were granted in 2001-01 due to a wave of boat arrivals with asylum seekers from the Middle East. In 2017-18, the planning level shifted up to 16,250 places, in the Program year 2018-19 – to 18,750.

<sup>3</sup> 2017-18 estimate is a preliminary estimate.

## Refugee, Humanitarian and Settlement Programs

### Key Highlights

The Australian Government's Humanitarian Program of 18,750 places is the third largest national program internationally in absolute terms and second largest on a per capita basis. Australia's settlement programs are also regarded as among the best in the world. Strong involvement by Australia in global discussions on the challenges of responding to resettlement need can help to positively shape action by other countries. The onshore protection program has experienced an atypical increase in applications from people outside of traditional protection locations in recent years. There is an opportunity for carefully calibrated reform in this area to help prevent unmeritorious applications while ensuring those owed protection are finalised more rapidly. With the functions moving into the department from Social Services and Education, there is also a significant opportunity for reform of settlement services, informed by the work of the Inquiry into Settlement Outcomes. No one teaches you to become an Australian and the recent Shergold *Review into integration, employment and settlement outcomes for refugee and humanitarian migrants to Australia* (unpublished).

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### Overview

Globally there are 25 million refugees, with 1.4 million identified by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as in need of resettlement. Australia's Humanitarian Program (the Program) is an expression of Australia's commitment to working with United Nations agencies and the international community to find solutions to the plight of refugees and displaced people. The Program comprises:

- a large offshore component (about 90 per cent) for refugees and other displaced people outside Australia who are in need of resettlement, including those referred by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and those proposed by close family through the Special Humanitarian Program, or the Community Support Program, a private sponsorship program for humanitarian entrants with good employment prospects;
- a smaller onshore protection component (about 10 per cent) for people who have arrived lawfully and engage Australia's international protection obligations. The onshore component includes people granted a Permanent Protection visa in Australia.

The Program does not include places for people who arrived as illegal maritime arrivals by boat or air and excludes people transferred to regional processing centres (see separate briefs for information on these issues).

### Current Situation

The Program has been set at 18,750 places in 2018-19 (historical information is at [Attachment A](#)). Demand for resettlement in Australia has long been well in excess of the number of available places. The offshore component of the Program has had a longstanding focus on women, children and persecuted minorities. The Program has been adjusted over time to take account of settlement outcomes and international needs. In 2018-19 the focus is on entrants from priority regions from the Middle East, Asia, Africa and the Americas. About 40 per cent of entrants through the offshore component will be settled in regional Australia. In 2019-20, the Program has again been set at 18,750 places, with 1,000 places allocated to the Community Support Program.

The onshore protection stream of the Program has been subject to growing exploitation by individuals from countries with facilitated travel arrangements. These individuals lodge unfounded protection claims and engage in protracted merits and judicial review processes to prolong stay in Australia, often with permission to work. In 2017-18, 27,931 Permanent Protection visa applications were lodged and 1,425 Permanent

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Protection visas were granted. Since 2014, lodgements of Permanent Protection visa have increased by 225 per cent.

### **Legislative Framework**

The five visa subclasses of the offshore component of the Program are contained in the *Migration Regulations 1994 (Cth)*. Section 35A of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) specifies classes of protection visas with the core criteria enshrined in Section 36 of the Act. The additional requirements for the grant of these visas are legislated in Schedules 1 and 2 of the *Migration Regulations 1994*.

Each application is assessed on its individual merits.

### **Stakeholders / Forums**

The composition of the Humanitarian Program is informed by community consultations held by you and by a public consultation process facilitated by the Department. The Department also hosts the Home Affairs Non-Government Organisations Dialogue, which brings together senior representatives from government, non-government organisations and peak refugee bodies to discuss issues affecting asylum seekers and refugees.

The Department engages closely with global fora on refugee and resettlement solutions, including through bodies such as the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement, United Nations Core and Contact Groups, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Committee meetings, and the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees. We also engage through multilateral and regional fora such as the Bali Process and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The Department's regular engagement with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, including through its Canberra-based regional representative, supports the delivery and integrity of Australia's Humanitarian Program. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees provides advice annually on global refugee resettlement needs and priorities, which helps inform the composition of the Program. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' assistance with identity management, including biometrics collection and character screening under the Refugees Convention, forms an important part of the Department's visa assurance framework. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees also provides practical assistance to support the Department's processing of cases from remote locations.

### **Outlook**

High demand for places under the Humanitarian Program will continue in the context of record levels of forced displacement and diminishing resettlement opportunities following significant reduction in the United States' program. In December 2019, there will be an opportunity to attend the ministerial-level Global Refugee Forum in Geneva, which will include member state pledges and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' presentation of its three-year strategy on resettlement and complementary pathways. Improving integration and employment outcomes for humanitarian entrants will continue to be a challenge requiring a Whole-of-Government response.

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The Department expects to initiate shortly a request for tender for the Assisted Passage Services, a longstanding program that facilitates medical assessments, travel and associated services for humanitarian applicants and visa holders on their journey to being resettled in Australia. The existing contract ends in December 2019 with no options to extend.

In relation to the onshore protection program, we will brief you on options to enhance and expedite assessment and decision making for this caseload, including deterring the lodgement of unfounded protection visa claims.

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As Minister for Migrant Services, your remit includes many of the Commonwealth services that help enable Humanitarian entrants to successfully transition to life in Australia, including learning English, furthering their education or getting their skills recognised and obtaining employment.

This includes services delivered through the Humanitarian Settlement Program, Settlement Grants (legacy) now Settlement Engagement and Transition Support Program, National Community Hubs Program (including new youth hubs program trial), the Australian Cultural Orientation Program and free translating and interpreting services.

There is an opportunity to engage with state governments, peak bodies and a range of community stakeholders, including service providers, employers and former humanitarian entrants, to explore opportunities to continue to iterate how services in these areas are delivered on the ground to achieve better outcomes.

There are also opportunities to examine how to optimise the outcomes of the Adult Migrant English Language Program ahead of contracts coming up for renewal in June 2020.

There will be a need to respond to the findings of the Peter Shergold *Review into integration, employment and settlement outcomes for refugee and humanitarian migrants to Australia* and this could present an opportunity to put forward a program of reform and refinement. This could also draw on some of the work of the Joint Standing Committee on Migration Inquiry into Settlement Outcomes *No one teaches you to become an Australian*, published in December 2017.

We will recommend an early program of engagement to support building your understanding of how these services operate in practice and their current efficacy.

### Attachments

A: Humanitarian Program historical grants 1985-86 to 2017-18

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### Attachment A - Humanitarian Program Historical Grants 1985-86 to 2017-18

| Program Year | Visas<br>Granted | Program Year | Visas<br>Granted |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1985-86      | 11,700           | 2002-03      | 12,548           |
| 1986-87      | 11,291           | 2003-04      | 13,838           |
| 1987-88      | 11,392           | 2004-05      | 13,146           |
| 1988-89      | 11,309           | 2005-06      | 13,678           |
| 1989-90      | 12,415           | 2006-07      | 12,792           |
| 1990-91      | 11,284           | 2007-08      | 12,894           |
| 1991-92      | 12,009           | 2008-09      | 13,560           |
| 1992-93      | 11,845           | 2009-10      | 13,742           |
| 1993-94      | 14,070           | 2010-11      | 13,792           |
| 1994-95      | 14,858           | 2011-12      | 13,746           |
| 1995-96      | 16,252           | 2012-13      | 19,984           |
| 1996-97      | 11,843           | 2013-14      | 13,768           |
| 1997-98      | 11,990           | 2014-15      | 13,757           |
| 1998-99      | 11,240           | 2015-16      | 17,555           |
| 1999-00      | 9,907            | 2016-17      | 21,968           |
| 2000-01      | 13,509           | 2017-18      | 16,250           |
| 2001-02      | 12,219           | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>446,151</b>   |

Total (446,151) / 33 program years = 13,519

Source: Offshore Humanitarian Data, Reporting and Analysis unit.

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## Citizenship Program and Ceremonies

### Key Highlights

For many migrants, Australian citizenship remains highly valued and is celebrated as the end-point to the permanent migration journey. Australian citizenship is a privilege involving reciprocal rights and responsibilities, and a continuing commitment to Australia and its people, and Australian values. 2019 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Australian citizenship and a number of high profile ceremonies and promotional activities have been conducted to mark this occasion and promote the value of Australian citizenship.

The Department has adopted enhanced integrity measures over the last three years to protect Australia's national security and community safety through the delivery of the Citizenship Program. A range of internal business process reforms are also being implemented to support more rapid resolution of the pipeline of citizenship by conferral applications on-hand.

### Overview

#### Categories of Australian Citizenship

For people not eligible for Australian citizenship by birth, there are four ways to obtain Australian citizenship by application:

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>Conferral</b>  | Persons who migrated to Australia and meet the eligibility requirements can apply for Australian citizenship by conferral (grant). For most applicants, this is a two-stage process. After being approved for conferral of Australian citizenship, most applicants aged 16 years and over must make a pledge of commitment at a citizenship ceremony to become a citizen. |
| <b>Descent</b>    | Persons born overseas to an Australian parent can apply for citizenship by descent.   |
| <b>Adoption</b>   | Some people adopted overseas, in accordance with the Hague Convention on Inter-country Adoption or a bilateral arrangement, may be eligible for Australian citizenship by adoption.   |
| <b>Resumption</b> | Persons who lost or gave up their Australian citizenship can apply to resume citizenship.   |

The Department also manages applications for evidence of citizenship supporting the issuance of Australian passports and other purposes and requests to renounce Australian citizenship.

#### Citizenship Ceremonies

The Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (the Code) sets out the requirements for the conduct of ceremonies, which are most commonly hosted by local government councils. You authorise who can perform the formal legal aspects at citizenship ceremonies (the Presiding Officer). Where there are breaches of the Code, you may also revoke this authorisation. Your message on behalf of the Australian Government is read out at the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, new citizens are also generally presented with their official Australian citizenship certificate bearing your signature.

### Current Situation

Between 2010-11 and 2017-18, the number of people applying to become citizens (by conferral) increased by 177 per cent. This was exacerbated by atypical peaks in lodgements in response to proposed legislative changes to eligibility requirements, with around 89,000 applications received in just three months. An



associated increase in applications requiring complex identity assessments occurred during the same period (predominantly applications from former Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMAs) and humanitarian entrants with few identity documents or higher rates of identity fraud). In response to a changing national security environment, enhanced integrity checking has been applied to all citizenship applications since July 2017.

The cumulative impact of these factors has increased the number of applications on-hand and average processing times. The resulting increased processing times has received significant external scrutiny and we are conscious of the significant interests of all members of Parliament and the Australian public in the Citizenship Program.

The Department is implementing reforms to its processes to respond to growth and improve processing times without compromising on integrity. This includes automation of some client communications; increased access to online lodgements; automation and streamlining of business processes; centralisation of cases with similar complex characteristics; and an investment in the recruitment and training of additional citizenship processing officers.

The general managers of two councils, City of Yarra Council and Darebin City Council, have had their authorisation to preside at citizenship ceremonies revoked for breach of the Code. The Department is conducting regular ceremonies in these locations to help ensure clients are not adversely impacted by this decision.

## **Legislative Framework**

The citizenship framework is governed by the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* and *Citizenship Regulations 2016*. The Department assesses each citizenship application individually and on its own merits. For most adult applicants for citizenship by conferral to be approved they must:

- hold a permanent visa at time of application and time of decision;
- satisfy a residence requirement (generally four years lawful stay, with the 12 months prior to application as a permanent resident) and be likely to reside or continue to reside in Australia, or maintain a close and continuing association with Australia. They must also be in Australia at time of decision;
- be of good character (if aged 18 years or over);
- satisfy the delegate as to their identity; and
- pass the Australian citizenship test (if aged between 18 and 59 years).

Most decisions to refuse an application for citizenship are merits reviewable by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, but such refusals do not constrain the person from re-applying for Australian citizenship. Applications may also be subject to judicial review.

The Citizenship Act also includes provisions for the revocation of citizenship where it was obtained by fraudulent means or the applicant had not declared a serious criminal offence prior to citizenship being acquired. These cases will be referred to you on an individual basis for decision.

## **Outlook**

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## Attachment A – Key Citizenship Program Statistics

**Table 1: Number of citizenship applications received**

| Application type | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 (to 30 April) |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| Conferral*       | 191,001 | 196,936 | 203,793 | 239,413 | 110,543               |
| Descent          | 20,958  | 21,463  | 21,334  | 20,093  | 16,647                |
| Adoption         | 51      | 83      | 107     | 119     | 78                    |
| Resumption*      | 240     | 231     | 237     | 190     | 168                   |
| Evidence         | 32,305  | 43,007  | 49,157  | 45,199  | 36,358                |
| Renunciation**   | n/a     | n/a     | n/a     | n/a     | n/a                   |

\* includes counts of children under 16 years of age who were included on a responsible parent's application form.

\*\* the number of renunciation applications lodged cannot be reported due to system constraints.

**Table 2: Number of citizenship applications on-hand (as at 30 April 2019)**

| Application type | Number of applications |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Conferral*       | 225,044                |
| Descent          | 2,584                  |
| Adoption         | 5                      |
| Resumption*      | 74                     |
| Evidence         | 712                    |
| Renunciation**   | n/a                    |

\* includes counts of children under 16 years of age who were included on a responsible parent's application form.

\*\* the number of renunciation applications onhand is not reportable due to system constraints.

**Table 3: Number of citizenship applications decided**

| Application type | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 (to 30 April) |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| Conferral*       | 189,841 | 167,668 | 153,879 | 101,422 | 129,002               |
| Descent          | 20,131  | 20,924  | 20,977  | 20,931  | 16,438                |
| Adoption         | 46      | 87      | 95      | 105     | 108                   |
| Resumption*      | 200     | 178     | 223     | 183     | 135                   |
| Evidence         | 32,309  | 39,821  | 51,719  | 43,116  | 38,804                |
| Renunciation**   | 152     | 132     | 167     | 206     | 214                   |

\* includes counts of children under 16 years of age who were included on a responsible parent's application form.

\*\* approved renunciation applications only (other decisions are not reportable due to system constraints).

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**Table 4: Number of conferral applications finalised by outcome**

| Finalisation type | 2014-15        | 2015-16        | 2016-17        | 2017-18        | 2018-19 (to 30 April) |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Approved          | 148,862        | 129,515        | 127,013        | 80,776         | 116,422               |
| Refused           | 5,197          | 4,749          | 4,089          | 4,956          | 6,458                 |
| Invalid           | 34,987         | 32,612         | 22,035         | 14,998         | 5,264                 |
| Other**           | 795            | 792            | 742            | 692            | 858                   |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>189,841</b> | <b>167,668</b> | <b>153,879</b> | <b>101,422</b> | <b>129,002</b>        |

\*includes counts of children under 16 years of age who were included on a responsible parent's application form.

\*\* "other" includes applications withdrawn by the client and minor numbers of administrative finalisations.

**Table 5: Percentile processing time for conferral applications (from lodgement to decision\*)**

| Month/Year | 75% of applications processed in | 90% of applications processed in |
|------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mar-19     | 16 months                        | 20 months                        |
| Apr-19     | 14 months                        | 19 months                        |

\* "Decision" includes approved, refused and invalidated decision outcomes.

**Table 6: Percentile processing time for conferral applications (from approval to acquisition\*)**

| Month/Year | 75% of applications processed in | 90% of applications processed in |
|------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mar-19     | 4 months                         | 6 months                         |
| Apr-19     | 5 months                         | 6 months                         |

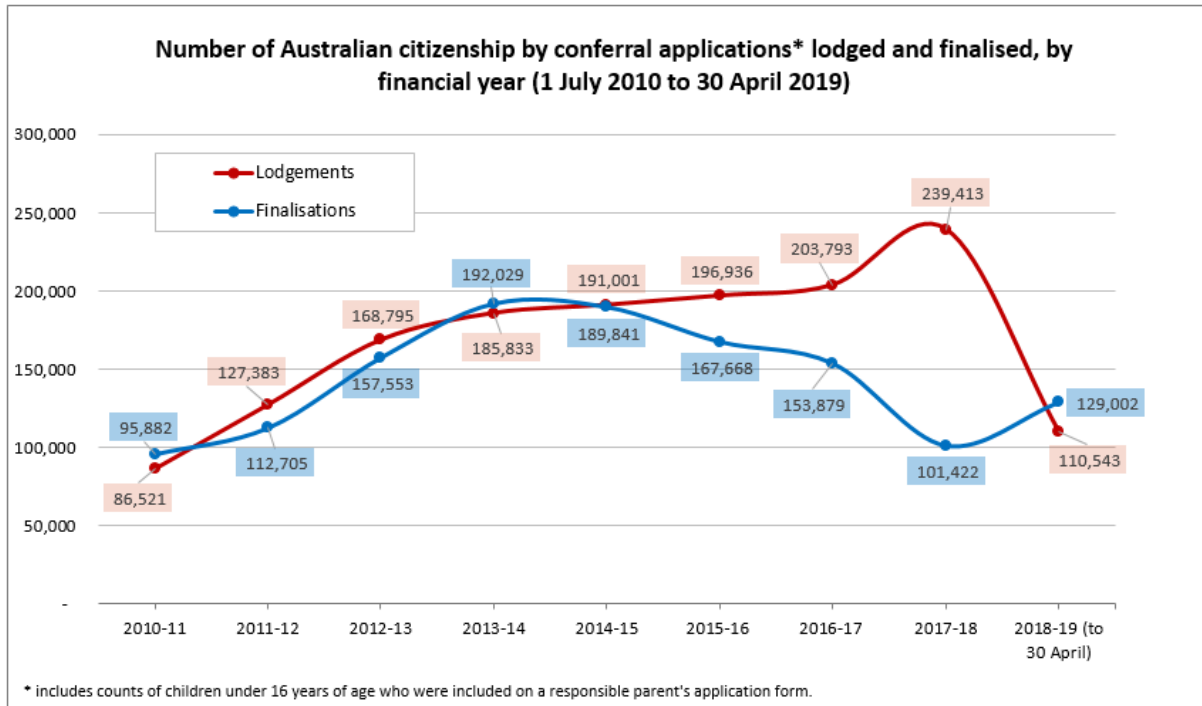
\*Most, but not all applicants for Australian citizenship by conferral acquire citizenship at a citizenship ceremony.

The top ten countries of birth of clients who acquired citizenship by conferral in 2018-19, to 30 April, were India, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, China\*, Sri Lanka, Australia\*\*, Vietnam, Iraq, Pakistan and Iran.

\* 'China' denotes mainland China only and does not include the special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau.

\*\* Clients whose country of birth is reported as 'Australia' are mainly those who did not become Australian citizens at birth, due to being born in Australia on or after 20 August 1986 without a parent who was an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Attachment B



## **Integration, Multiculturalism and Social Cohesion**

### **Key Highlights**

The Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs have a significant role in leading policies and programs and shaping societal attitudes on issues that are central to Australia's future harmony and prosperity, including through multicultural affairs, social cohesion, integration, immigration and citizenship.

### **Overview**

Australia is a successful multicultural nation. Our success relies on our ability to harness the richness and diversity of our population, manage differences and rally around shared values. Efforts to promote an inclusive national identity that embraces all Australians matter: they strengthen our resilience as a nation in a dynamic and challenging security environment. They make us more resilient against those who seek to divide and weaken multicultural Australia by exploiting differences, promulgating violent extremism, or promoting ethno-religious intolerance.

### **Current Situation**

While studies show that trust in all four key institutions – media, business, government and non-government organisations – is in decline, Australia has a set of social constructs that embrace our cultural diversity, underpinned by our shared values of respect, equality and freedom.

Since the 1980s, Australian Governments have articulated multicultural policy through official statements released periodically. Australia's latest multicultural statement 'Multicultural Australia: United, Strong, Successful' was launched in March 2017. It reaffirms the nation's commitment to multicultural Australia and focuses on three strategic directions to guide programs and policies:

- Encouraging economic and social participation of new arrivals
- Harnessing the advantages of our diversity and shared national interest
- Continuing to build harmonious and socially cohesive communities.

The Multicultural Access and Equity Policy complements but operates independently of the multicultural statement. The Department of Home Affairs has responsibility for coordinating multicultural access and equity reporting across Australian Government departments and agencies to ensure government programs and services meet the needs of all Australians, regardless of their cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

The annual Harmony Week celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of the nation and promotes the benefits of cultural diversity through events hosted by schools, community groups and organisations across Australia.

The National Settlement Framework (currently overseen by the Department of Social Services) is a high level structural blueprint for the three tiers of government to work in partnership to effectively plan and deliver services that support the settlement and integration of migrants, including refugees.

### **Legislation Framework**

There is no Multicultural Act or other multicultural legislation at the Commonwealth level.

To counter online violent extremist material and the threat it poses to social cohesion, on 6 April 2019 the *Criminal Code Amendment (Sharing of Abhorrent Violent Material) Act 2019* introduced two new criminal offences for social media and internet content hosting platforms that do not remove 'abhorrent violent material' expeditiously, or fail to refer it to the AFP within a reasonable time.

The offences are limited to audio-visual material produced by the perpetrator or their accomplice that captures actual acts of murder, rape, torture, terrorism involving physical harm and/or violent kidnapping.

Given the difficulties in the implementation of this legislation, including conflicting legislative requirements for industry, this legislation would benefit from comprehensive review. Implementation of the offences is being closely monitored including fiscal implications for the Australian Federal Police.

### **Cross portfolio dependencies**

Home Affairs has key dependencies with departments and agencies across the Commonwealth. Our portfolio responsibilities extend to community engagement, Australian values, citizenship, migrant services, countering foreign interference and countering violent extremism. These issues involve the entire Australian community and traverse multiple portfolio responsibilities. Notably, Home Affairs collaborates closely with the Department of Social Services to deliver on the multiculturalism and social cohesion agenda.

There are currently a number of social cohesion initiatives being managed by the Home Affairs, Social Services and Health portfolios. This includes the National Youth hubs program; Fostering Integration Grants; Implementing Sport 2030; Community Languages Schools Multicultural Grants; Strong and Resilient Communities Activity; Greek Centre Hub and Hellenic Chair in Global diasporas; as well as digital initiatives to help young people understand and counter online hate.

### **Stakeholders / Forums**

The Australian Multicultural Council is a ministerially appointed body of 12 members who represent a broad cross-section of Australian interests and provide independent advice to Government on multicultural affairs, social cohesion and integration policy and programs.

The Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia is the peak body representing Australia's culturally and linguistically diverse communities. It provides ongoing support for the Government's Multicultural Access and Equity Policy by collecting community feedback on the performance of Government departments and agencies, and informs Government on current policy and practice in migrant integration in Australia, as well as supporting the promotional work that the Government is doing in this area.

The Department's Regional Directors and network of 29 Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) drive engagement with a wide range of cultural, religious and ethnic communities around the country. They engage with communities around Australia about the Department's key priorities of:

- building trusted relationships with community leaders;
- promoting the Government's social cohesion and integration policy; and
- providing informed feedback to the Department and Government on community sentiment.

Key stakeholder bodies advising on migrant settlement and integration issues (currently overseen by the Department of Social Services) include:

- the Settlement Services Advisory Council – a ministerially appointed body of 11 members who provide advice to government on migrant settlement, including humanitarian settlement.
- the Senior Officials Settlement Outcomes Group – a cross-jurisdictional group that supports the National Settlement Framework, enhanced information sharing and coordination across the three tiers of government
- the Settlement Council of Australia – representing the majority of agencies providing settlement support across Australia to recently arrived migrants, including those from a refugee background




- the Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network – an advocacy non-profit body that provides advice to government to promote the rights and interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds
- the Migration Council Australia – an independent, non-profit body established to enhance the productive benefits of Australia's migration and humanitarian programs.

## Outlook

Australia is not exempt from tensions being experienced by other liberal democracies including: increasing public distrust in democracy and a government's ability to govern, heightened cultural and religious bias creating societal divisions and criminal activity; and countering terrorism while preserving civil liberties. Recent global events like the Christchurch terrorist attacks have heightened the need to be proactive in anticipating and responding to domestic challenges.

The addition of migrant services, including for English language, will allow Home Affairs to improve the end-to-end immigration experience, with a view to strengthening integration outcomes, and ensuring that Australia builds on its cohesive social and civic foundations.

The Portfolio will continue internal collaborations to shape, drive and manage Australia's social cohesion. There are several critical policy intersections within the Portfolio involving multicultural affairs, citizenship, migration planning, and how Australia counters violent extremism, terrorism and foreign interference. <sup>s47C</sup>



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## Global Digital Platform

### Key Highlights

Immigration and citizenship programs are central to the economic prosperity, security and safety of Australia. They deliver significant economic benefits through supporting tourism, international education and attracting global talent. However, the service delivery model and infrastructure supporting these programs is failing. In response, the Department has commenced significant service delivery reform to transform the underpinning risk and service delivery models.

### Overview

The key drivers for fundamental reform to the service delivery model include:

- evolution of the global threat environment and increasingly agile and sophisticated transnational terrorism and organised crime actors seeking to exploit vulnerabilities;
- the need to strengthen confidence and assurance about an individual's identity to ensure we know who is entering the country, applying for visas and citizenship;
- exponential increases in visa applications. In 2017-18, 9.5 million visa applications were received—a 21 per cent increase over 2014-15. Over the next decade, application volumes are forecast to increase by 35 per cent to 13 million; and
- the Department's legacy IT systems are ageing and failing. Current systems were designed and built to accommodate much smaller volumes and a less sophisticated risk environment.

Replacing multiple aging legacy ICT systems with a single workflow system and integrated service model is key to ensuring the integrity of the Immigration and Citizenship Programs into the future. The Department has engaged with the market, including significant periods of co-design, to leverage expertise and technological advancements.

### Current Situation

The Global Digital Platform (Platform) Phase Two Request for Tender (RFT), released on 5 April 2019, is for an end-to-end visa processing system that includes lodgement, assessment and rules-based decision-making capabilities. The Department will retain responsibility for business rules that determine what the Platform does, and accountability for sovereign functions including decision making, security, and risk assessment.

This procurement process is being conducted in accordance with strict probity requirements and the Commonwealth Procurement Rules. In this light, the Department has not publicly announced the names of the two tendering consortia.

### Legislative Framework

The commercial model resulting in the Platform being self-funded via collection of fees and taxes by the successful tenderer on behalf of the Commonwealth will likely require new supporting legislation.

### Outlook

The RFT states the Department's intention is to provide the first visa on the Platform in the first half of 2021, with additional visas rolled out progressively.<sup>s47C</sup>

The proposed term of an agreement is 10 years with an option to extend.

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## Client Service Delivery

### Key Highlights

The Department provides a broad range of client services across its global service delivery network including: a privately provided onshore service centre; the Portfolio website; the online visa and citizenship lodgement and application management system (ImmiAccount); appointment booking service; biometric enrolment and assisted lodgement through offshore service delivery partners; and the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS).

In the face of escalating demand for our services and a growing client expectation that services will be digital, personalised and available anywhere, anytime, and on any device, the Department is transforming the way clients interact with us—by moving away from higher-cost, less efficient client service channels (including in-person services, paper and phones) and progressively shifting to convenient, lower-cost, self-serve digital services wherever possible.

### Overview

The following statistics comparing 2015-16 to 2018-19 (as at 30 April 2019) highlight the success of the Department's efforts to meet client expectations of a better digital experience.

| 2015-16<br>(to 30 April 2016)  | 2018-19<br>(to 30 April 2019)   | Difference<br>(%) |
|--|---|-------------------|
| 520,400 'walk-ins' to the Department's Australian offices to ask questions relating to visas and citizenship | 90,466 'walk-ins' to the Department's Australian offices to ask questions relating to visas and citizenship | 82.6 decrease     |
| 2.07 million applications lodged online  | 3.85 million applications lodged online   | 86.0 increase     |
| Approximately 48.5 million sessions (visits) to the Department's website                                     | 65.3 million sessions (visits) to the Department's website  | 34.6 increase     |
| Average call wait time of 17.17  | Average call wait time of 4.23  | 74.7 decrease     |

### Current Situation

A summary of recent client service initiatives are outlined below.

#### Onshore Service Centre

The Onshore Service Centre is a privately-provided phone enquiry service for clients from Australia, Europe and the Americas, with longer opening hours and reduced wait times.

#### Translating and Interpreting Service

The Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) assists non-English speakers to communicate with Government agencies, healthcare service providers, schools, police and '000' emergency services, utilities, banks and other private businesses. Available anywhere in Australia, TIS National provides telephone interpreting services 24 hours a day, every day of the year, as well as on-site interpreting services by appointment. TIS National also supports regional processing arrangements in Nauru and Christmas Island. TIS has introduced an online self-service platform—TIS Online—that allows clients to self-publish on-site interpreting job requests and interpreters to self-select their work, with 93.4 per cent of on-site jobs allocated within 72 hours of submission and 98.4 per cent of which are self-allocated by interpreters.

### Website

The website has been completely redeveloped and simplified, improving the client experience and access to information, resulting in a greater client uptake and ability to self-service.

### ImmiAccount

Enhancements to the Department's online application system, ImmiAccount, provide increased access to range of services online, including:

- further digitisation of visa application processes such as the Medical Treatment visa;
- simplification of application questions and checklists;
- optimisation of forms for mobile phones;
- introduction of a range of email and SMS 'Push' messages to reduce the need for clients to contact service centres, improve visa compliance, and provide important information such as status of a visa application, visa conditions, or pending visa expiry.

### National Appointment Model

Refurbished client service areas are providing enhanced safety and security and a better experience for our clients and staff. Appointments will only be scheduled where the Department requires a client's personal, physical presence for integrity or status resolution reasons, or to progress their visa or citizenship application. The model will eliminate the need for clients to queue or 'take a ticket' and allow the Department to better prepare for, and comprehensively respond to, individual needs.

### **Stakeholders**

Key stakeholders include the Department's offshore service delivery partners.

### **Outlook**

The Department is managing a number of future initiatives:

#### Imminent property refurbishments

The Department has been progressively refurbishing the client service areas in its visa and citizenship offices around Australia to enable a national appointment model. The remaining refurbishments are underway:

- The Hobart client-facing area of the office will be closed over an anticipated two week period commencing 1 June 2019. Clients with scheduled appointments will continue to be seen by a departmental officer at their designated date, time and place.
- Adelaide refurbishments will commence on 23 May 2019 and be completed by 28 May 2019, with no disruption to existing services.
- The dates for Perth refurbishments are not yet confirmed, but are expected to be completed within the current financial year, again with no disruption to existing services.

The new layouts represent the final key phase of work supporting the full transition to a national appointment model.

#### Service Delivery Partner services

The Department manages a network of four offshore service delivery partners (SDPs) that provide biometric collection, assisted lodgement, and information services to departmental clients in 96 locations across 53

countries. To ensure we continue to provide high level of client service, we are in the process of consolidating from four to three SDP providers, transitioning to VFS Global in 19 sites (in Africa, Europe and the Middle East) from mid-May through to the end of June 2019.

The Department is working with the three remaining providers to develop an expanded service offer, including increasing the number of service points, providing mobile and pop up facilities, expanding options for biometric collection and increasing the share arrangements with Migration Five (M5) countries to deliver improved client services and greater efficiencies.

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## Operation Sovereign Borders

### Key Highlights

Operation Sovereign Borders (OSB) has successfully suppressed, but not defeated, the threat to the integrity of Australia's borders and potential loss of life at sea posed by people-smuggling enterprises. Continued success hinges upon the perceived resolute commitment of the Government to continue denying settlement in Australia to any person arriving here by irregular maritime pathways.

### Overview

OSB was established in 2013 as a Whole-of-Government enterprise to protect the integrity of the Australian border, and prevent loss of life at sea by denying an irregular pathway to settlement in Australia, and deterring vulnerable people from attempting dangerous maritime ventures.

The current Commander Joint Agency Task Force (JATF) OSB is Major General Craig Furini AM CSC, who coordinates the efforts of 16 contributing departments and agencies across the operational, intelligence and policy domains, to deliver a coherent, multi-layered approach in achieving the denial and deterrence effects. Fundamental to the success of the OSB mission are three pillars:

- a. on-water operations, preferencing the conduct of turn-backs where possible;
- b. regional processing to enable resettlement in third countries; and
- c. the Temporary Protection visa program.

JATF OSB operationalises these pillars by coordinating the delivery of six core effects—deterrence, disruption, detection, interception, return and resettlement. Delivery of these effects through a multi-layered, multi-agency approach is achieved through the following activity streams:

- a. *Deterrence and Disruption* – led by the Australian Federal Police (AFP), this stream aggregates the efforts of the National Intelligence Community and law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with offshore partners, to disrupt and deter maritime people smuggling ventures in source and transit countries. Disruption and deterrence activities are underpinned by an offshore communication campaign focused on ensuring that vulnerable people considering engaging the services of people-smugglers are aware of our strong border protection policies and the risks in undertaking such journeys.
- b. *Detection, Interception and Transfer* – the Detection, Interception and Transfer Task Group is led by the Australian Border Force's (ABF) Maritime Border Command (MBC), in cooperation with the Australian Defence Force (ADF). It coordinates aerial surveillance and maritime patrols to detect people smuggling vessels, and return the people aboard to their country of departure or country of origin. The safety of Australian Government officers and those on intercepted vessels is a paramount consideration during all operations, which are conducted in accordance with international obligations and domestic law.

Returns occur through one of the following mechanisms:

- an enforced turn-back—which involves the safe removal of a vessel from Australian waters;
- a takeback—where Australia works with a country of departure or origin to achieve the safe return of passengers and crew; and
- assisted returns—in some circumstances Australian Government vessels may be called upon to assist persons in a Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) situation.

- c. *Regional Processing, Return and Resettlement* – individuals who cannot be returned to their country of departure or origin are transferred to a regional processing country where their protection claims are assessed by that country. Those found to have valid protection claims will be resettled in a country other than Australia. Third country resettlement has been undertaken with both Cambodia and the United States. This effect is delivered by the Department.

## **Current Situation**

The threat to the integrity of Australia's borders and potential loss of life at sea posed by people smuggling enterprises is suppressed but not defeated. Consequently, the risk of large-scale people smuggling restarting, along with the loss of control of our borders, remains.

Since the commencement of OSB in September 2013, 23 people smuggling ventures carrying 1,309 people were unable to be returned to their country of origin or departure. The last such arrival was in July 2014, at which time all 157 persons on board were transferred to Nauru. The first people smuggling venture to reach Australia in over four years occurred in August 2018, although all 17 persons on board were rapidly returned to their country of departure.

Between 19 December 2013 and 28 April 2019, 827 people aboard 34 people smuggling ventures have been returned to their countries of origin or departure. It has been over five years (December 2013) since the last known death at sea en route to Australia. Furthermore, the deterrence and disruption effort continues with 80 disruptions since OSB commenced, meaning that 2,573 vulnerable people did not risk their lives at sea by attempting dangerous maritime ventures to Australia.

As at 12 May 2019, there were:

- 347 transferees in Nauru, with a further 895 people on medical transfer from Nauru (in Australia, PNG and Taiwan); and
- 528 transferees in Papua New Guinea (PNG), with a further 83 people from PNG on medical transfer in Australia, who will be required to return to Nauru or PNG when the purpose for which they were transferred is no longer valid.

As at 12 May 2019, the total number of transferees who have been resettled in the United States is 515.

JATF OSB Headquarters is made up of a core of 13 staff, augmented by additional staff dedicated to the intelligence and strategic communications portfolios as required.

## **Legislative Framework**

OSB operates in compliance with all domestic and international law obligations in the regulation of people smuggling vessels and vulnerable people who undertake irregular maritime journeys, including international human rights law, refugee law and the law of the sea, relying on advice from the Department's Legal Division, the Attorney-General's Department and the Australian Government Solicitor. In specific relation to on-water activities, OSB utilises the *Maritime Powers Act 2013* for the interception, boarding and searching of vessels. For activities within the migration zone, OSB operates under the *Migration Act 1958* and the *Customs Act 1901*.

## **Stakeholders/Forums**

OSB comprises representatives of the following 16 government departments and agencies: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Department of Defence; Department of Home Affairs; Attorney-General's Department; Australian Defence Force; Australian Border Force; Maritime Border Command; Office of National Intelligence; Australian Signals Directorate; Australian Secret Intelligence Service; Australian Security Intelligence Organisation; Australian Geospatial Intelligence Organisation;

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Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission; Australian Federal Police; and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

OSB is supported by a range of officials-level inter-departmental forums, s47C, s33(a)(i)

### Outlook

With more than 65 million people displaced globally, 2.9 million regionally<sup>4</sup>, and Australia remaining an attractive destination, regular and irregular migration challenges will persist. While there has been a sustained reduction in maritime people smuggling ventures reaching Australia since OSB was established, retaining the OSB construct as an ongoing capability with effective interagency engagement, command coordination and oversight will ensure our agility to respond to future people smuggling challenges.

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## Regional Processing and Resettlement

### Key Highlights

Regional processing of illegal maritime arrivals is a key pillar of Operation Sovereign Borders. Regional processing provides significant deterrence impact to potential illegal immigrants and, teamed with third country resettlement, has reinforced the policy setting that illegal maritime arrivals will not settle in Australia.

### Overview

Nauru and Papua New Guinea were designated as regional processing countries in 2012 and arrangements were agreed with both countries to receive illegal maritime arrivals from Australia for the regional processing of their protection claims. Since 2012, 4,177 illegal maritime arrivals have been transferred to Nauru and Papua New Guinea.

As at 30 April 2019, there are 1,852 transferees under current regional processing arrangements<sup>5</sup> (351 transferees in Nauru, 533 transferees in Papua New Guinea, and a further 968 transferees (including 262 minors) temporarily in Australia for medical treatment and related activities). Australia maintains medical transfer arrangements with Papua New Guinea and Taiwan for transferees residing in Nauru.

Since 27 February 2019, there are no minors in regional processing countries. No one under regional processing arrangements is in held detention.

Regional processing arrangements, and the management of individuals under those arrangements in Nauru and Papua New Guinea, are the responsibility of the respective governments. Australia does not have effective control over regional processing arrangements in Nauru or Papua New Guinea, but supports and assists the Governments of Nauru and Papua New Guinea to implement regional processing arrangements, including through the engagement of specialist service providers, capacity building, mentoring and training.

Transferees determined to be refugees currently have access to migration outcomes including:

- resettlement in the United States (at 30 April 2019, 515 refugees resettled);
- PNG-determined refugees may settle in Papua New Guinea (at 30 April 2019, approximately 57 refugees are recorded as settling in Papua New Guinea);
- transferees in Nauru may remain in Nauru for up to 20 years;
- voluntary return home or to a country to which they have right of entry, with assistance (since 2012, 823 individuals have returned home from a regional processing country).

Individuals who have been determined not to be in need of protection are expected to return to their home country, or will be removed by the Governments of Nauru and Papua New Guinea under their respective domestic legislation. To date, Papua New Guinea has removed 20 individuals; Nauru has not undertaken any removals.

### Current Situation

Australia currently maintains a resettlement arrangement with the United States (announced in November 2016) for up to 1,250 refugees. It is a matter for the United States to determine who and how many refugees resettle under the arrangement. The United States continues to interview refugees, hand down resettlement

<sup>5</sup> Current cohort refers to illegal maritime arrivals arriving on or after 19 July 2013

decisions and effect departures of refugees to the United States from regional processing countries and Australia.

s47C, s33(a)(iii)

The Department and contracted providers will continue to build Nauru's capacity to manage arrangements.

In parallel, Australia is transitioning responsibility for the management of service delivery arrangements to the Government of Papua New Guinea

s47C, s33(a)(iii)

### **Contract Arrangements**

In Papua New Guinea, the Department holds the following contracts until 30 June 2019: Paladin Holdings for garrison and welfare services; Pacific International Hospital for health services; NKW Holdings for facilities management services at Manus Province accommodation sites; and JDA Wokman for case management and settlement support services.

In Nauru, the Department holds the following contracts: Canstruct International for garrison and welfare services to 31 July 2019; and International Health and Medical Services for health care until 30 June 2019.

Legal, financial, reputational and humanitarian risks may arise if the continuity of services to transferees in Papua New Guinea and Nauru is affected.

### **Legislative Framework**

The legislative framework for regional processing is embedded in the *Migration Act 1958*, which includes powers to take an illegal maritime arrival to a regional processing country (section 198AD), transitory persons provisions that provide for the taking (section 198B) and return of an individual to Australia for a temporary purpose (section 198AH and 198AD), and the new medical transfer provisions that provide for the transfer of an individual to Australia for medical or psychiatric assessment or treatment (sections 198C-J and 199A-E).

### **Stakeholders / Forums**

Regional processing is subject to regular independent scrutiny by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Committee for the Red Cross, the Commonwealth Ombudsman, Comcare and the Australian National Audit Office. Regional processing arrangements have also been the subject of numerous parliamentary inquiries, and independent reviews.

The Department holds regular senior officials meetings with senior Government officials from Nauru and Papua New Guinea to progress arrangements.

### **Outlook**

Regional processing, underpinned by third country resettlement, remains a key pillar of Operation Sovereign Borders.

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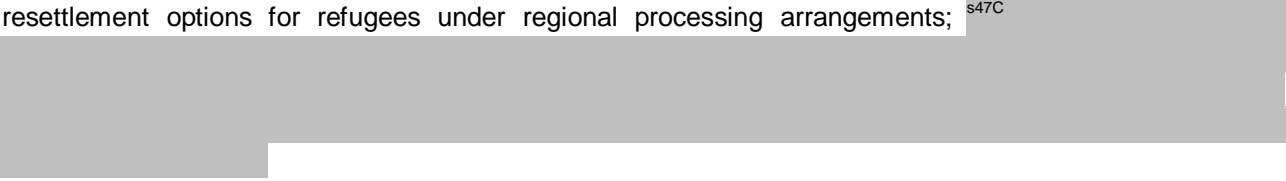
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New Zealand has offered to resettle 150 refugees from regional processing countries (initially 150 refugees each year over three years). This offer is yet to be accepted out of concern over the impact on the much larger United States resettlement arrangement, ease of access to Australia through existing visa pathways and the potential people smuggling pull factor the arrangement may generate.

The Department continues to support the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to identify further resettlement options for refugees under regional processing arrangements; <sup>s47C</sup>



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## **Resolving the Illegal Maritime Arrival Legacy Caseload**

### **Key Highlights**

Resolving the Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Legacy Caseload remains a priority for the Department. Good progress has been made with over 75 per cent of the caseload assessed and decided or otherwise resolved, however this involves highly complex decision making due to the challenges in assessing identity, the complexity of applying domestic and international obligations in this area of law and the lengthy review processes through tribunals and courts. Based on these factors, and the difficulty of facilitating the removal of some groups of IMAs found not to engage Australia's protection obligations, the caseload is unlikely to be fully resolved within the next decade.

### **Overview**

Between 2008 and 2013, approximately 50,000 IMAs arrived by boat. By the time Operation Sovereign Borders was established on 18 September 2013, around 30,500 IMAs remained in Australia with an unresolved status (see brief Operation Sovereign Borders). This residual group collectively became known as the 'IMA Legacy Caseload'. For regional processing arrangements see brief Regional Processing and Resettlement.

The size of the IMA Legacy Caseload continues to change as children born to IMAs in Australia become part of the caseload, which is 32,449 as at 2 May 2019. Seventy-one IMAs did not lodge an application following an announcement from the then Minister that IMAs seeking protection in Australia must lodge an application for a Temporary Protection visa (TPV) or Safe Haven Enterprise visa (SHEV) before 1 October 2017.

### **Current Situation**

Good progress has been made with 75.5 per cent of the caseload having been assessed by the Department and decided or otherwise resolved, including those who have departed Australia. Of those assessed, 56.8 per cent have been primary grants and 43.2 per cent have been primary refusals (for more detailed statistics see [Appendix 7](#)).

Assessing this caseload is complex, particularly in relation to identity matters, with a large number of IMAs arriving undocumented, and evidence of potential identity fraud and criminality in some parts of the caseload. In some cases, the circumstances in home countries have changed substantially since arrival and we have an obligation to consider their claims against country information carefully on a case-by-case basis. Integrity requirements include: assessing whether the IMA is a risk to Australia's national security; undertaking criminal history checks in Australia and overseas and, by working closely with other law enforcement agencies, assessing whether IMAs may have links to organised criminal gangs or those who may conduct fraudulent activities in the Australian community; assessing that the IMA is of good character; and assessing the IMA's identity and anchoring this identity with biometrics.

Once a primary decision has been made by the Department, the vast majority of refusals are automatically referred for merits review to the Immigration Assessment Authority (IAA)—an independent authority within the Migration and Refugee Division of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. This excludes on-hand applications from IMAs who are not subject to fast track arrangements and can access merits review through the Administrative Appeals Tribunal; and applicants that are excluded from merits review under the Migration Act. As at 30 April 2019, there are 1,024 applications at merits review and 4,085 cases at Judicial Review. Based on the limited capacity of the tribunals and courts and number of active matters before them, applications are expected to be awaiting review for multiple years.

Eligible IMAs currently awaiting a primary decision of a TPV or SHEV application have already been assessed for legal assistance through the Primary Application Information Service (PAIS) or Immigration Advice and Assistance Scheme (IAAAS). IMAs seeking a subsequent TPV or SHEV do not have access to legal assistance.



The Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) assists IMAs in the community who need some assistance to resolve their immigration status. Eligibility for this service is and the type of services offered are determined on a case-by-case basis.

On 6 August 2018 in *DBB16 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection* [2018] FCAFC 178, the Full Federal Court declared the 23 January 2002 appointment of the Western Lagoon of the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands as a proclaimed port is invalid.

The Department has identified all IMAs affected by the invalidity of the Appointment. The majority of affected persons are prevented from making a valid visa application by various provisions in the Act. The Department has commenced notifying affected persons of a decision to refuse to grant them a visa pursuant to s 66 of the *Migration Act 1958* and informing them that the decision is reviewable by the Migration Review Division of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The Department will be informing other affected persons of the appropriate next steps based on their individual circumstances.

To allow affected persons to make a valid visa application you will need to exercise public interest powers under ss48B and 91L.

### **Legislative Framework**

Resolution of the IMAs in the legacy caseload is governed by the *Migration Act 1958* and the *Migration Regulations 1994* and supported by ministerial directions, instruments and procedural instructions. The Migration Act codifies Australia's interpretation of its protection obligations under the *1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees* and its 1967 Protocol (the Refugees Convention) and other human rights treaties to which Australia is a party. It also establishes a number of legislative bars that prevent people who arrive as unauthorised maritime arrivals from making applications for visas in Australia. These bars may be lifted by you where you consider it to be in the national interest. Removal of finally determined IMAs is also governed by the Migration Act and supported by non-statutory assessment of any international obligations that may impact on removal from Australia.

### **Stakeholders / Forums**

There are multiple external stakeholders interested in the IMA Legacy Caseload, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and International Organization for Migration; non-government organisations; refugee advocacy groups; the Law Council of Australia; clients and their legal representatives; State and Territory Governments that provide various supports and services; Federal Government agencies, particularly those administering services and benefits available to asylum seekers and in some cases law enforcement; and Temporary Protection visa holders/applicants.

### **Outlook**

On current resourcing levels, the vast majority of IMAs in the Legacy Caseload are expected to have been assessed and received a primary decision from the Department, or otherwise finalised by end December 2020. The remaining applications are expected to be IMAs with complex national security, character or identity concerns.

IMAs who have been granted a TPV or SHEV have their visas in effect for three years (TPV) or five years (SHEV). Holders must apply for a subsequent TPV, SHEV or relevant pathway visa (where eligible) before their current visa ceases. Those who make a valid subsequent TPV or SHEV application while holding their initial visa will have the visa remain in effect until the subsequent application is finally determined.

All IMAs TPV holders affected by the s46A application bar had this bar lifted to enable them to submit a subsequent application for a TPV or a SHEV, as long as they re-apply while holding their TPV. SHEV holders have not had the s46A application bar lifted to re-apply for a SHEV or TPV at this stage, as SHEVs will not start ceasing until October 2020.

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The Department is implementing an intelligence-informed, risk based approach to managing subsequent TPV and SHEV applications. A full re-assessment of protection claims will only be undertaken if significant changes to personal circumstances, claims or country information are evident. This includes cases involving identity fraud, irregular travel history, criminality, or national security issues.

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## Status Resolution Support Services

### Key Highlights

Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) supports the resolution of immigration status by delivering targeted support. This support manages risk, meets domestic and international legal obligations, and addresses or removes barriers that impair a person's ability to engage with the Department to resolve their status.

### Overview

SRSS commenced in 2014, with a redesign in May 2018, replacing four distinct programs, to provide flexibility and continuity in delivering services to support people seeking to resolve their immigration status. SRSS provides short-term tailored support, through contracted service providers to individuals who are unable to support themselves while they engage with the Department to resolve their immigration status.

Tiered services are provided to address barriers that may impede an individual's ability to resolve their status—either the grant of a substantive visa or departure from Australia. It is expected that individuals who have work rights support themselves while actively engaging with the Department to resolve their immigration status.

### Services provided

- Baseline Services: include work rights, access to Medicare and access to education for school-aged children.
- Additional Services: provided to people with a genuine need or where there is a specific barrier preventing resolution. An individual risk and vulnerability assessment informs eligibility for these services.
- Transitional Services: assist individuals and families to integrate into the Australian community from held or community detention.
- Supported Living Services: provided to people with a permanent impairment or condition, or subject to a Residence Determination (community detention) arrangement. This includes all unaccompanied minors.

SRSS continues to deliver support to those who are vulnerable and in need by providing targeted assistance, such as specialised counselling, health or housing and individual support to bridge identified gaps or needs.

### Current Situation

There are 5,888 individuals receiving SRSS as at 30 April 2019. As at 30 April 2019, SRSS support for a total of 1,642 people ceased as they were assessed as no longer eligible.

Since May 2018, the updated program has been based on the following principles:

- services should focus on resolving status—grant of a visa or departure from Australia;
- individuals on a bridging visa with work rights are expected to work to support themselves and their families;
- individuals found to have adequate income or assets (in Australia or overseas) will not receive support services; and
- eligibility will be reassessed on a regular basis, according to identified barriers for status resolution.

### Finally Determined Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs)

Finally determined IMAs, unless with a known vulnerability, are managed on Bridging Visa Es (BVEs). BVEs provide work rights, access to Medicare and education for school-aged children to meet the Department's legal and international obligations. These IMAs are progressively being transitioned to final departure BVEs as their visas end and are re-granted. SRSS services are only available to finally determined IMAs where there is a significant vulnerability which represents a risk to the Australian community, presents a barrier to departure, or where not providing services would breach legal or international obligations.

An IMA is considered to be finally determined when a visa has been granted, or if refused, a decision has been made by the Immigration Assessment Authority/Administrative Appeals Tribunal or the timeframe for review has lapsed.

There are approximately 1,900 IMAs residing in the Australian community who cannot be granted a bridging visa by the Department due to statutory bars or legislative restrictions. These persons are residing without a lawful status, which means that they do not have access to Medicare or permission to work, and may require support through the SRSS program. Resolving the status of these persons requires ministerial intervention or would require legislative changes for the Department to manage them.

### Funding

SRSS contracts commenced in 2014. They were extended in 2018 to 30 June 2020. There is a further option to extend. <sup>s47C, s47</sup> There are currently nine SRSS providers throughout Australia.

### Legislative Framework

SRSS is not specifically prescribed in the *Migration Act 1958*. However the program is a lever within the broader statutory framework regulating the entry and stay of non-citizens in Australia. The financial spending authority for SRSS is provided in Part 4 Schedule 1AB of the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997*.

The program fulfils international obligations under several articles of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).

### Stakeholders / Forums

The program engages with NGOs about SRSS through the Department's NGO Dialogue forum. The program also engages bilaterally with the Refugee Council of Australia and the Refugee Health Network of Australia. SRSS providers engage with their local community service organisations and other stakeholders.

### Outlook

As Temporary Protection visa applications from IMAs in the legacy caseload are assessed and finalised over the next 18 months, there will be a decrease in clients eligible for SRSS. If there are no changes to SRSS eligibility criteria, the SRSS program is foreshadowed to reduce in size.

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# COMMUNITY PROTECTION

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## Section 501 (Character) Visa Cancellations and Refusals

### Key Highlights

Visa cancellation and refusal powers are a valuable tool in the system that maintains the integrity of Australia's immigration program and borders. They help to protect the Australian community by addressing national security and criminality risks that may be posed by non-citizens.

### Overview

Australia has a sovereign right to determine whether non-citizens of character concern are allowed to enter and/or remain in Australia. Increasing numbers of people moving across international borders and the increasing sophistication of global organised crime and terrorists will likely result in the continued prevalence of non-citizens posing a risk to the Australian community. Section 501 of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) cancellation or refusal of visas if a person is assessed as failing the 'character test'. General cancellation powers also enable (primarily) temporary visas to be cancelled if a person is assessed to pose a risk to the health, safety or good order of the community.

### Current Situation

From 1 July 2018 to 30 April 2019, 41,934 visas have been cancelled under all powers available under the Act. Since 11 December 2014, and as at 30 April 2019, 4,455 visas have been cancelled under section 501 of the Act; an increase of over 700 per cent when compared to the previous four year period. This increase is primarily linked to the introduction in 2014 of the mandatory cancellation power at section 501(3A) of the Act.

s47C, s47E(d)

### Legislative Framework

The Act provides the legislative authority for cancellations and refusals. A non-citizen can fail the character test for a number of reasons including, where they have a substantial criminal record or is reasonably suspected of associating with, or being a member of, a group involved in criminal conduct. Section 501(3A) of the Act requires that a person's visa must be cancelled if they are serving a full-time term of imprisonment for an offence committed in Australia; *and* they have, at any time, been sentenced to a period of 12 months or more in prison *or* have been found guilty of a sexually based crime involving a child.

If a non-citizen's visa is mandatorily cancelled, they may seek revocation within certain timeframes.

s47C, s47E(d)

Ministerial Direction no. 79 came into effect on 28 February 2019, and applies to decision-makers [including the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT)] who are considering exercising discretion under section 501 of the Act. The Direction outlines considerations to be made in the character process, and includes the need to protect the Australian community, the nature and seriousness of the conduct and the best interests of minor children.

Non-citizens who do not hold a visa will be liable for detention and removal from Australia as soon as practicable, subject to completion of any custodial sentence or other outstanding matters. Persons whose visas are cancelled or refused by the departmental delegate can seek merits review, and may seek judicial review if they believe that there is an error of law in the decision. The Minister can make decisions with or without natural justice, and has powers to substitute a decision of the AAT or their delegate. Minister decisions are not reviewable by the AAT, but can be subject to judicial review.

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## Stakeholders / Forums

Visa cancellation cases often attract substantial media and community attention. s47C, s33(a)(i)

## Outlook

Two recent reports from the Joint Standing Committee on Migration focused on migrant settlement outcomes and review processes associated with visa cancellations on criminal grounds. The Committee has made six recommendations in its report regarding review processes associated with visa cancellations on criminal grounds, which will be considered by the Government and a formal response tabled in Parliament.

s47C, s47E(d)

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## Modern Slavery

### Key Highlights

The Department leads Australia's Whole-of-Government response to modern slavery. We are responsible for implementing the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* (the Act) and Australia's *National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking and Slavery 2015-19* (the Plan). We support domestic and international engagement on modern slavery issues.

### Overview

Modern slavery is an umbrella term used to describe a range of serious exploitive practices, including human trafficking, slavery, servitude, forced marriage, forced labour, and the worst forms of child labour. From 2015 to 2017, the estimated number of victims in Australia was between 1,300 and 1,900. The Department leads Australia's Whole-of-Community approach to combating modern slavery and coordinates responses to this issue across government, civil society and business.

### Current Situation

#### *Modern Slavery Act 2018*

The Act entered into force on 1 January 2019. This Act establishes a Modern Slavery Reporting Requirement (Reporting Requirement) that requires over 3,000 business and other entities (such as large charities) to prepare annual statements on their actions to address modern slavery risks in their global operations and supply chains. The Reporting Requirement applies to businesses and other entities operating in the Australian market with over AUD \$100 million consolidated annual revenue. The Commonwealth Government is also required to comply with the Act by preparing an annual consolidated statement covering all non-corporate Commonwealth entities (Commonwealth agencies and departments). The first statements will be due from April 2020 and will be published on a public-facing online register.

The Modern Slavery Business Engagement Unit in the Department is responsible for implementing the Act. The unit advises and supports businesses to comply with the Act and undertakes compliance, education and awareness raising to promote best practice. The unit also coordinates the Commonwealth statement and manages the public-facing online register.

#### *Criminal Justice Response*

The Portfolio leads the Whole-of-Government criminal justice response to modern slavery, including:

- developing policy and legislative responses to modern slavery issues;
- monitoring the effectiveness of criminal offences in the Criminal Code;
- Australian Federal Police investigating criminal offences and referring victims to the Australian Government-funded Support for Trafficked People Program;
- leading implementation of the National Action Plan;
- driving engagement with business and civil society through the National Roundtable on Human Trafficking and Slavery; and
- funding for specialist civil society organisations to deliver projects to prevent and respond to modern slavery issues.

The Department conducts international capacity building on modern slavery issues, including as co-chair of the Bali Process Working Group on Trafficking in Persons. Since 2008, Government has awarded more than

\$5.8 million to specialist Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) working to combat modern slavery. In 2018-19, the Department is administering funding for four specialist NGOs (\$125,000 each).

#### *Forced marriage*

Australia's response to forced marriage forms part of the broader Whole-of-Government strategy to combat modern slavery. The Department leads the development of a proposed Commonwealth Forced Marriage Protection Order scheme to complement existing criminal offences and provide a flexible civil remedy. Stakeholder consultation on the proposed model is ongoing.

### **Legislative Framework**

The *Modern Slavery Act 2018* and Divisions 270 and 271 of the *Criminal Code*.

### **Stakeholders / Forums**

An overview of key stakeholders and forums related to modern slavery is at [Appendix 9](#).

### **Outlook**

The Department's immediate priorities are to continue implementation of the Act, and to progress policy and stakeholder engagement initiatives that seek to prevent and deter modern slavery in Australia. You will be invited to consider a draft of the final guidance for business on complying with the Act as an early priority. You will also be invited to consider launching the guidance and delivering a keynote address at a major international conference on modern slavery that the Department will host in Sydney from 26-27 June 2019.

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You will also be invited to consider a draft of Australia's next National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking and Slavery 2020-24 and to approve the Department conducting national consultations on the Plan, with a view to you launching the final plan in December 2019.

You will be invited to consider a draft model for a Commonwealth Forced Marriage Protection Order scheme, and to approve The Department conducting consultations on the proposed model with the states and territories and civil society.

You will be provided with options for chairing the next ministerial-level National Roundtable on Human Trafficking and Slavery (due to be held in mid-2019).

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## Foreign Worker Exploitation

### Key Highlights

Exploitation of foreign workers is complex. Legislation that governs the conduct of employers is administered by several government agencies at Federal and State level. The Department and the Australian Border Force (ABF) have responsibility for creating and enforcing visa policy and regulations, including administering a range of sanctions under the *Migration Act 1958* (the Migration Act).

### Overview

Exploitation of migrant workers in Australia is a serious and increasing problem:

- Temporary visa holders, in particular Student visa and Working Holiday Maker visa holders, are among the main groups affected;
- The main industries exploiting workers are hospitality, agriculture and horticulture;
- Unscrupulous employers take advantage of temporary visa holders by not paying them a fair wage; coercing them to work in breach of their visa conditions; threatening to report them for immigration breaches if they complain; and claiming excessive benefits in return for visa sponsorship; and
- Serious forms of labour exploitation are captured by the human trafficking and slavery-like offences set out in the *Criminal Code Act 1995*, and are referred to the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

The Government established the Migrant Workers Taskforce (MWT) on 4 October 2016, to ensure relevant Government agencies collaborated to combat exploitation of migrant workers in Australia. The final report of the MWT was released on 7 March 2019, and includes 22 recommendations, all of which the Government has agreed in principle.

### Current Situation

Initiatives implemented by the Department to address foreign worker exploitation include: increased communication of workplace rights and entitlements for foreign nationals; and development of 'push' messaging, via text messages, for Working Holiday Maker (WHM) visa holders.

Reforms to employer sponsored skilled visas through the *Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Act 2018* came into effect in December 2018. The reforms enhance information sharing between the Department and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to identify employers underpaying migrant workers and publishing of sanctioned sponsor's details.

Taskforce Cadena was established in June 2015. It is a joint agency initiative between the Department, the ABF, and the Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO), focussing on detecting and disrupting criminal syndicates that profit from the serious exploitation of foreign workers and Australia's migration system.

The Department also leads cross government work to combat migrant worker exploitation where it amounts to the criminal offences of human trafficking, slavery, or slavery-like practices, including forced labour.

### Legislative Framework

The Department and the ABF currently administer three sanction frameworks under the Migration Act that provide a legislative basis to respond to the exploitation of migrant workers:

- *Employer Sanctions*—for employers who allow, or refer non-citizens for, illegal work in Australia without taking reasonable steps to confirm that the non-citizen is a legal worker. Illegal work includes non-citizens working in breach of their visa conditions, or unlawful non-citizens working;

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- *Sponsor Obligations*—includes sanctions for sponsors who do not comply with legally binding sponsorship obligations that aim to protect temporary visa holders in Australia from exploitation, including existing subclass 457 and Temporary Skill Shortage visa holders; and
- *Paying for Visa Sponsorship*—sanctions for any person or business entity who asks for, receives, offers or provides a benefit in return for visa sponsorship, or employment that requires visa sponsorship.

Penalties include administrative warnings, infringements and civil penalties, and criminal prosecution.

The *Fair Work Act 2009* and *Fair Work Regulations 2009* are the main statutes that govern workplace entitlements in Australia. These statutes are overseen by the FWO and cover workplace conditions including minimum wage. They do not cover workplace health and safety which is governed by State and Territory legislation.

### Stakeholders / Forums

Initiatives to address migrant worker exploitation include participating in the following fora:

- The *Migrant Workers' Taskforce*—chaired by Professor Allan Fels AO and administered by the Department of Jobs and Small Business—aims to identify further proposals for improvements in law, law enforcement and investigation, and other practical measures to more quickly identify and rectify any cases of migrant worker exploitation;
- The *Phoenix Taskforce*—a joint agency initiative led by the ATO to identify new companies that have been created to continue the business of a company that has deliberately liquidated to avoid paying its debts; and
- The *Black Economy Taskforce*—chaired by Mr Michael Andrew AO was established to combat the black economy in Australia. The Department has considered its recommendations about combatting the black economy in Australia, which will help respond to the exploitation of migrant workers.

### Outlook

The Department will continue to work closely with stakeholders across Government to strengthen our legislative and operational response to migrant worker exploitation in Australia. This will include increased protections for vulnerable workers, and enhanced deterrence and enforcement action against offending employers.

Priority will be given to implementing measures to enhance existing sanctions frameworks, including: greater enforcement of all tiers of the employer sanctions (including civil and criminal penalties); and issuing infringements on-the-spot for allowing or referring non-citizens for illegal work.

The Department will support the Department of Jobs and Small Business to develop a communication strategy targeting the information needs of migrant workers. It will encourage reporting of workplace exploitation and aim to hinder the use of visa cancellation threats by employers.

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## WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICE

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## Ministerial Office Support

### Key Highlights

The Department provides a range of advisory and support services to you as Minister. In addition, there are a number of systems and operating arrangements in place to ensure efficient and effective communication with you and your office.

### Ministerial and Parliamentary Branch

The Ministerial and Parliamentary Branch provide direct support to all Portfolio Ministers including:

#### Departmental Liaison Officers

A Departmental Liaison Officer (DLO) is an Australian Public Service officer, employed by the Department, who has the means to source current and accurate information from the Department, while acting as a central liaison point in the Minister's Office to assist with the two-way information flow and handling of ministerial documentation. The Prime Minister determines the number of DLOs your office is entitled to as part of your ministerial entitlements. The Department will provide you with a list of officers who are suitable in providing assistance as DLOs.

#### Ministerial Entitlements

Your ministerial entitlements are outlined in the guidance material which will be provided to all Ministers by the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services area of the Department of Finance. The guidance material will cover all matters concerning the operation of your office from salary, accommodation and office facilities to travel, staff matters and procedural matters.

#### Office Budget

The Department provides a modest budget to cover supplier expenses of your office. This includes funding for services such as information technology, communication expenses and equipment, newspapers, stationery, freight, taxi and vehicle expenses. The Department will process payments for these services where they are not funded through your entitlements managed by the Department of Finance.

The Department will provide assistance with expenditure approvals, monitoring and reporting of office expenses and are available to discuss further with your office when required.

- Stationery supplies can be ordered through your DLOs until a Complete Office Supplies (COS) account has been established for your Office Manager.
- Business cards and arrangements for the delivery of newspapers, periodicals, and digital publications to your ministerial office can also be organised through your DLOs.
- A courier service for the collection and delivery of items between your ministerial office in Australian Parliament House (APH) and the Department's offices is provided twice daily. The Department can also organise a TNT Safehand Delivery account to transport documents between your APH Office, Commonwealth Parliament Office (CPO) and Electorate Office (EO).

#### Office and other computing services

The Department will provide a connection to the Department's IT network to your APH Office and an IT network connection to your EO and CPO, if required. Ministerial staff at your offices will be provided with desktop computers, printers and associated IT facilities (software and services) allowing them to support your role as Minister.

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### Mobile phones, laptops and iPads

The Department will provide you and ministerial staff with mobile phones, laptops and iPads for the purpose of supporting your role of Minister. These devices will provide access to email, calendar appointments and departmental systems, remotely as required.

### ICT Ministerial Support

The Department's ICT Ministerial Support is a dedicated team responsible for providing service support for Ministerial Offices and their staff during business hours. These services include system access, software requirements, provision of IT equipment, ongoing ICT maintenance and priority resolution of IT issues. If and when required, the team will also present onsite to deliver IT service support and can be contacted outside of office hours via the PLATINUM IT Service. Contact details for these services will be provided when you and your staff receive your initial issue of IT equipment.

### **Media and Engagement Branch**

The Media and Engagement Branch provides a suite of services to you as Minister including a range of public information products and services such as speeches and media releases, media liaison support including event management and talking points to respond to enquiries, video production and graphic design, social media content and daily media monitoring.

All media enquiries are coordinated through the Department's Media Coordination Section for the Department and ABF which operates seven days a week, with an on-call media officer on duty after hours and on weekends.

We will work with your media advisors to determine personal preferences and priorities in relation to media and public information support at their earliest convenience.

### **Cabinet Liaison Office**

Cabinet Submissions originating in your Portfolio will be provided to you for clearance under cover of a Ministerial Submission prior to being released for distribution to other agencies.

Final Cabinet Submissions are distributed electronically through the CabNet terminal in your office prior to consideration by Cabinet.

The program of Cabinet and related meetings is available through CabNet. The Department will provide a briefing to you on all Cabinet matters originating in your Portfolio and will provide a briefing on Cabinet items originating in other agencies upon request.

The Department will provide your office with regular reporting on upcoming Cabinet items including those originating from your Portfolio as well as Cabinet items of interest originating in other agencies.

All accountable Cabinet documents distributed to you through CabNet will be watermarked with a copy number attributed to your office. Your office will be periodically required to undertake a stocktake of all accountable documents printed by your office.

The CabNet terminal and service is provided and supported by PM&C's Cabinet Division.

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## General Counsel and Legal Division

### Key Highlights

The work of Legal Division is fast paced. It is often legally complex, significant and may attract significant public or media interest.

### Overview

The Legal Division is a centralised in-house practice, headed by General Counsel, Pip de Veau. The Division delivers high quality in-house legal services to the Department and provides strategic legal advice and support to the Executive, Portfolio Ministers and the Attorney-General as First Law Officer.

The Division is comprised of six Branches that actively manage legal risk in a diverse environment. The work ranges from issues concerning: national security; commercial law; employment law; law enforcement and border protection; strategy, training and support; a large and dynamic legislative reform agenda; advice on the *Migration Act 1958*, *Citizenship Act 2007* and *Australian Border Force Act 2015*; and the highest litigation caseload in the Commonwealth.

### Engagement with the Office

Due to the nature of work, Senior Executive Officers within the Division may at times communicate with you or your office directly via email and/or phone call if urgent issues arise and time does not permit a submission being provided and considered. This will likely arise in relation to the legislative program or where the Department is given short notice that a sensitive/high profile litigation matter is to be handed down. Where possible, the Division will otherwise report to you on the litigation caseload through a Weekly Litigation Report. The Division will also provide submissions to you for consideration and/or noting in relation to other broader legal issues that may arise. Further there are:

- certain decisions that only you can make because they require the exercise of non-compellable, personal Ministerial powers; and
- a suite of instruments and delegations that can only be signed by you.

Accordingly, Legal Division will engage with you from time to time in relation to these matters. A separate brief detailing your personal ministerial powers has also been prepared (see 'Personal Ministerial Powers' brief).

### Litigation

The Department manages, on your behalf, a large and diverse litigation caseload. You are the most litigated Minister in the Commonwealth. The two primary areas of litigation are:

- migration citizenship litigation; and
- other civil litigation.

Litigation matters can be high profile in terms of media and parliamentary scrutiny, both in terms of substance and legal expenditure.

#### *Migration and citizenship*

As at 30 April 2019, the Division was managing an active migration and citizenship administrative law litigation caseload of 10,480 matters. These are matters where non-citizens are seeking review in the courts and the General Division of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) of decisions made under the Migration, Citizenship and FOI Act. The Department has maintained a high success rate of over 90 per cent over the last four years. In 2017-18 less than 1 per cent of matters were commenced on your behalf. Consistent with the

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*Legal Services Directions 2017*, appeals are only filed on your behalf where there is reasonable prospects of success or the appeal is otherwise justified in the public interest. In most circumstances, these decisions are made at a departmental level and reported in the Weekly Litigation Report provided to your office.

*Other civil litigation*

As at 30 April 2019, the Division was managing a civil litigation caseload of 780 matters. These are claims filed in the courts for damages or where litigation has been foreshadowed, including injunction applications to prevent removal from Australia, challenges to regional processing arrangements and departmental employment matters. The majority of litigation or foreshadowed litigation, involving claims for compensation is handled by Comcover within the Department of Finance, in accordance with the Department's insurance arrangements. While Comcover will consult with the Department in managing these claims, ultimately Comcover provides the instructions and makes the decision on litigation strategy.

**Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) in-house Special Counsel**

The Senior Executive of the Department has access to the services of two full time lawyers from the AGS under a contractual arrangement with AGS. Special Counsel, Mr Ian Deane PSM, is a key provider of significant high level strategic legal and related advice services. Mr Deane is currently supported by s22(1)(a)(ii) who is also outposted from AGS. Mr Deane and s22(1)(a)(ii) provide advice on sensitive visa and citizenship decisions, the development of amendments to Portfolio legislation, significant matters before the courts, complex or sensitive legal and policy issues and issues that may attract significant public or media interest.

**Legal Services Directions 2017**

The Directions provide categories of work tied to particular government providers and cannot be provided in-house. This includes work that involves: constitutional law issues, Cabinet work, national security issues, public international law; and legislative drafting work.

Pursuant to the Directions, the Department briefs external firms to conduct court litigation as solicitor on the record. The Department reports to the Attorney-General on significant legal issues as described in the Directions and seeks the Attorney-General's agreement to settle litigation matters in accordance with the requirements in the Directions.

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## **Freedom of Information**

### **Key Highlights**

The Department receives approximately 40 per cent of the total FOI access requests processed by Commonwealth agencies. Between 1 July 2018 and 30 April 2019, the Department received 14,743 FOI requests and finalised 12,186.

### **Overview**

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act) applies to Commonwealth agencies and official documents of a Minister. Exceptions apply to specific intelligence agencies and documents subject to exclusions or secrecy provisions.

### **Legislative Framework**

The key functions of the Act include providing lawful access to documents held by an agency or Minister, amendment of personal details within the entity held records and the provision to publish information.

#### Department FOI requests

Of the 14,743 FOI requests received, 13,956 related to the request for personal information (e.g. an individual's visa application, detention records, etc.) and 787 relate to non-personal information (e.g. requests for information from members of parliament, journalists, academics, etc.).

As part of the standard consultation process, the Department will consult with the Minister's Office as appropriate on non-personal requests.

#### Minister's Office FOI requests

The Minister's Office is a separate entity for the purposes of the Act and covers information that is in the possession of the Minister due to their capacity as a Minister that relate to the affairs of an agency. FOI requests addressed to the Minister or their Office will be provided to the Minister for action under the Act.

A decision on access to information held by the Minister must be made by a member of staff within the Minister's office authorised to make decisions. The Department will provide advice and administrative support to manage the processing of any requests received by the Minister. In administering the Act, agencies and Ministers are required to report quarterly to the Office of the Information Commissioner on the outcomes of FOI requests and costs associated with these processes. The Department will include the Minister's input in the Department's reports.

### **Stakeholders / Forums**

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner is an independent statutory agency established under the *Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010* which confers on the Information Commissioner the power to perform FOI functions. This includes:

- review FOI decision of agencies or Ministers;
- investigate FOI complaints about agencies or Ministers administering the Act;
- the power to require the production of documents; and
- monitor agencies' and Minister's compliance with the Act and compile FOI data.

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## Acronyms

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>AASB</b>        | Australian Accounting Standards Board                                 |
| <b>AAT</b>         | Administrative Appeals Tribunal                                       |
| <b>AATIC</b>       | Austrade Australian Trade and Investment Commission                   |
| <b>ABF</b>         | Australian Border Force   |
| <b>ABFC</b>        | Australian Border Force Cutter  |
| <b>ABIN</b>        | Australian Ballistics Information Network                             |
| <b>AC</b>          | Audit Committee   |
| <b>ACBPS</b>       | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service                      |
| <b>ACC</b>         | Australian Crime Commission   |
| <b>ACC Act</b>     | <i>Australian Crime Commission Act 2002</i>                           |
| <b>ACIC</b>        | Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission                           |
| <b>ACID</b>        | Australian Criminal Intelligence Database                             |
| <b>ACLEI</b>       | Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity                   |
| <b>ACORN</b>       | Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network                        |
| <b>ACSC</b>        | Australian Cyber Security Centre                                      |
| <b>ACT</b>         | Australian Capital Territory  |
| <b>ACTPol</b>      | Australian Capital Territory Policing                                 |
| <b>ACVPA</b>       | Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards                       |
| <b>ADF</b>         | Australian Defence Force  |
| <b>AE</b>          | ASIO Employee   |
| <b>AEE</b>         | ASIO Executive Employee   |
| <b>AFIN</b>        | Australian Firearms Information Network                               |
| <b>AFP</b>         | Australian Federal Police   |
| <b>AFSA</b>        | Australian Financial Security Authority                               |
| <b>AGD</b>         | Attorney-General's Department   |
| <b>AGICC</b>       | Australian Gangs Intelligence Coordination Centre                     |
| <b>AGSVA</b>       | Australian Government Security Vetting Agency                         |
| <b>AHRC</b>        | Australian Human Rights Commission                                    |
| <b>AIC</b>         | Australian Intelligence Community                                     |
| <b>AIMPE</b>       | Australian Institute of Marine And Power Engineers                    |
| <b>AIPM</b>        | Australian Institute of Police Management                             |
| <b>ALEIN</b>       | Australian Law Enforcement Intelligence Network                       |
| <b>AML/CTF</b>     | Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing                 |
| <b>AML/CTF Act</b> | <i>Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006</i> |
| <b>AMLC</b>        | Anti-Money Laundering Council (The Philippines' FIU)                  |

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| <b>ANAO</b>      | Australian National Audit Office  |
| <b>ANZAC</b>     | Australian And New Zealand Army Corps                                       |
| <b>ANZCTC</b>    | Australia–New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee                           |
| <b>ANZPAA</b>    | Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency                              |
| <b>ANZSOG</b>    | Australian and New Zealand School of Government                             |
| <b>APEC</b>      | Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation   |
| <b>APG</b>       | Asia–Pacific Group  |
| <b>APM</b>       | Australian Police Medal   |
| <b>app</b>       | Application (Computers)   |
| <b>APS</b>       | Australian Public Service   |
| <b>APSC</b>      | Australian Public Service Commission  |
| <b>ASD</b>       | Australian Signals Directorate  |
| <b>ASEAN</b>     | Association of Southeast Asian Nations                                      |
| <b>ASEANAPOL</b> | Chiefs of ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Police Conference |
| <b>ASIC</b>      | Australian Securities and Investments Commission                            |
| <b>ASIO</b>      | Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation                           |
| <b>ASIO Act</b>  | <i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979</i>               |
| <b>ASIO2020</b>  | ASIO's Strategic Organisational Reform Program                              |
| <b>ASIO-T4</b>   | ASIO's Protective Security Directorate                                      |
| <b>ASPI</b>      | Australian Strategic Policy Institute                                       |
| <b>ATIS</b>      | Automated Telephone Interpreting Service                                    |
| <b>ATM</b>       | Automatic Teller Machine  |
| <b>ATO</b>       | Australian Taxation Office  |
| <b>ATT</b>       | Australian Trusted Trader   |
| <b>AUSTRAC</b>   | Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre                          |
| <b>BGLU</b>      | Business and Government Liaison Unit  |
| <b>BVA</b>       | Bridging Visa A (Subclass 010)  |
| <b>BVE</b>       | Bridging Visa E (Subclass 050–051)  |
| <b>CACT</b>      | Criminal Assets Confiscation Taskforce                                      |
| <b>CALD</b>      | Culturally and Linguistically Diverse                                       |
| <b>CAPEC</b>     | Conference of Asia Pacific Express Carriers                                 |
| <b>CBFCA</b>     | Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia                         |
| <b>CCTC</b>      | Centre for Counter-Terrorism Coordination                                   |
| <b>CDC</b>       | Commercial Data Centre  |
| <b>CDSC</b>      | Capability Delivery Steering Committee                                      |
| <b>CETS</b>      | Child Exploitation Tracking System  |

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| <b>CLEC</b>        | Commonwealth Law Enforcement College                |
| <b>Co.</b>         | Company   |
| <b>CPI</b>         | Consumer Price Index                                |
| <b>CPOH</b>        | Calls Per Open Hour                                 |
| <b>CPRs</b>        | Commonwealth Procurement Rules                      |
| <b>CPRSC</b>       | Capability Planning and Resource Steering Committee |
| <b>CRG</b>         | Criminology Research Grant                          |
| <b>CRS</b>         | Contact Reporting Scheme                            |
| <b>CSAM</b>        | Continuous Survey of Australia's Migrants           |
| <b>CSP</b>         | Community Support Program                           |
| <b>CSS</b>         | Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme                  |
| <b>Cth</b>         | Commonwealth  |
| <b>Customs</b>     | Australian Customs and Border Protection Service    |
| <b>D2D CRC</b>     | Data to Decisions Cooperative Research Centres      |
| <b>DAP</b>         | Disability Action Plan 2016–20                      |
| <b>DC</b>          | District of Columbia                                |
| <b>DCB</b>         | Departmental Capital Budget                         |
| <b>DCE</b>         | Digital Currency Exchange                           |
| <b>DFAT</b>        | Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade             |
| <b>DHS</b>         | Department of Human Services                        |
| <b>DIBP</b>        | Department of Immigration and Border Protection     |
| <b>DNA</b>         | Deoxyribonucleic Acid                               |
| <b>Dr</b>          | Doctor  |
| <b>DSS</b>         | Department of Social Services                       |
| <b>DUMA</b>        | Drug Use Monitoring in Australia                    |
| <b>DVO</b>         | Domestic Violence Order                             |
| <b>EA</b>          | Enterprise Agreement                                |
| <b>EC</b>          | Executive Committee                                 |
| <b>EEGO</b>        | Energy Efficiency in Government Operations          |
| <b>EEZ</b>         | Exclusive Economic Zone                             |
| <b>EFR</b>         | Estimated Financial Return                          |
| <b>Egmont</b>      | The Egmont Group (A United Body of Fius)            |
| <b>EL</b>          | Executive Level                                     |
| <b>EL1 and EL2</b> | Executive Level 1 and Executive Level 2             |
| <b>e-Learning</b>  | ASIO's Intranet-Based Learning Software Program     |
| <b>ELT</b>         | English Language Training                           |

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| <b>EMS</b>      | Environmental Management System   |
| <b>EOC</b>      | Enterprise Operations Committee   |
| <b>EOCT</b>     | Emerging Organised Crime Threats (Special Operation)                              |
| <b>ExCom</b>    | Executive Committee (in AUSTRAC)  |
| <b>FASU</b>     | Financial Intelligence and Supervision Unit (Papua New Guinea's FIU)              |
| <b>FATF</b>     | Financial Action Task Force   |
| <b>FBT</b>      | Fringe Benefits Tax   |
| <b>FCO</b>      | Fraud Control Office  |
| <b>FER</b>      | Functional and Efficiency Review  |
| <b>FIAC</b>     | Financial Intelligence Analyst Course   |
| <b>FinTech</b>  | Financial Technology  |
| <b>FIRB</b>     | Foreign Investment Review Board   |
| <b>FIU</b>      | Financial Intelligence Unit   |
| <b>FOI</b>      | Freedom of Information  |
| <b>FOI Act</b>  | <i>Freedom of Information Act 1988</i>  |
| <b>FRR</b>      | Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Financial Reporting) Rule 2015 |
| <b>FTR Act</b>  | <i>Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988</i>                                     |
| <b>FWC</b>      | Fair Work Commission  |
| <b>GC18</b>     | Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games  |
| <b>GEAP</b>     | Gender Equality Action Plan 2017–20   |
| <b>GLLO</b>     | Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officer   |
| <b>GLS</b>      | Green Lease Schedule  |
| <b>GPO</b>      | General Post Office   |
| <b>GRU</b>      | Former Russian Military Intelligence Agency                                       |
| <b>GST</b>      | Goods and Services Tax  |
| <b>HACTG</b>    | Home Affairs Counter-Terrorism Group  |
| <b>HMAS</b>     | Her (Or His) Majesty's Australian Ship  |
| <b>HREC</b>     | Human Research Ethics Committee   |
| <b>HSR</b>      | ASIO's Health and Safety Representative Network                                   |
| <b>I&amp;PS</b> | Integrity and Professional Standards Branch                                       |
| <b>ICT</b>      | Information and Communications Technology   |
| <b>IDF</b>      | Immigration Detention Facility  |
| <b>IE</b>       | Intelligence Employees  |
| <b>IEWG</b>     | Information Exchange Working Group (of Egmont)                                    |
| <b>IFA</b>      | Individual Flexibility Arrangement  |
| <b>IFTI</b>     | International Funds Transfer Instruction  |
| <b>IGC</b>      | Inter-Governmental Committee  |

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| <b>IGIS</b>   | Inspector-General of Intelligence And Security                    |
| <b>IISC</b>   | Intelligence and Identity Steering Committee                      |
| <b>IMA</b>    | Illegal Maritime Arrival  |
| <b>IMS</b>    | Incident Management System  |
| <b>INSLM</b>  | Independent National Security Legislation Monitor                 |
| <b>IOM</b>    | International Organization for Migration                          |
| <b>IPS</b>    | Information Publication Scheme                                    |
| <b>IRSC</b>   | Information Reform Steering Committee                             |
| <b>IS-EA</b>  | Islamic State—East Asia   |
| <b>ISIL</b>   | Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant                              |
| <b>ISP</b>    | Internet Service Provider   |
| <b>ISSN</b>   | International Standard Serial Number                              |
| <b>IT</b>     | Information Technology  |
| <b>ITE</b>    | Information Technology Employee                                   |
| <b>JAD</b>    | Jemaah Anshorut Daulah  |
| <b>JAG</b>    | Joint Analyst Group   |
| <b>JCTT</b>   | Joint Counter Terrorism Team                                      |
| <b>JDFPG</b>  | Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap                                   |
| <b>JMB</b>    | Jama'at Mujahideen Bangladesh                                     |
| <b>JMG</b>    | Joint Management Group  |
| <b>JOCG</b>   | Joint Organised Crime Group                                       |
| <b>K9</b>     | Canine  |
| <b>kg</b>     | Kilogram  |
| <b>KPI</b>    | Key Performance Indicator   |
| <b>LEA</b>    | Law Enforcement Agency  |
| <b>LGBTI</b>  | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex                     |
| <b>m</b>      | Million   |
| <b>MDMA</b>   | 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine                                 |
| <b>MFD</b>    | Multifunction Device  |
| <b>ML/TF</b>  | Money Laundering/Terrorism Financing                              |
| <b>MOSC</b>   | Management of Serious Crime (Course)                              |
| <b>MoU</b>    | Memorandum of Understanding                                       |
| <b>MP</b>     | Member of Parliament  |
| <b>n</b>      | Number  |
| <b>n.a.</b>   | Not Applicable  |
| <b>NAATI</b>  | National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters |
| <b>NABERS</b> | National Australian Built Environment Rating System               |

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| <b>NAFIS</b>  | National Automated Fingerprint Identification System       |
| <b>NAGS</b>   | National Anti-Gangs Squad                                  |
| <b>NAIDOC</b> | National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee |
| <b>NCFIC</b>  | National Counter Foreign Interference Coordinator          |
| <b>NCICC</b>  | National Criminal Intelligence Capability Committee        |
| <b>NCIDD</b>  | National Criminal Investigation DNA Database               |
| <b>NCIPs</b>  | National Criminal Intelligence Priorities                  |
| <b>NCOS</b>   | National Child Offender System                             |
| <b>NCTF</b>   | National Committee on Trade Facilitation                   |
| <b>NDICP</b>  | National Deaths in Custody Program                         |
| <b>NDLERF</b> | National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund                |
| <b>NFID</b>   | National Firearms Identification Database                  |
| <b>NFLRS</b>  | National Firearms Licensing and Registration System        |
| <b>NHMP</b>   | National Homicide Monitoring Program                       |
| <b>NLEMS</b>  | National Law Enforcement Methylamphetamine Strategy        |
| <b>NMPVS</b>  | National Missing Person and Victim System                  |
| <b>NNI</b>    | National Names Index                                       |
| <b>No.</b>    | Number   |
| <b>NPRS</b>   | National Police Reference System                           |
| <b>NSC</b>    | National Security College                                  |
| <b>NSW</b>    | New South Wales  |
| <b>NSWPF</b>  | New South Wales Police Force                               |
| <b>NT</b>     | Northern Territory   |
| <b>NTAC</b>   | National Threat Assessment Centre                          |
| <b>NTPol</b>  | Northern Territory Police                                  |
| <b>NTS</b>    | National Target System                                     |
| <b>NV1</b>    | Negative Vetting 1 Security Clearance                      |
| <b>NV2</b>    | Negative Vetting 2 Security Clearance                      |
| <b>NVOI</b>   | National Vehicles of Interest                              |
| <b>NWPP</b>   | National Witness Protection Program                        |
| <b>OAIC</b>   | Office of The Australian Information Commissioner          |
| <b>OAM</b>    | Medal of the Order of Australia                            |
| <b>OCO</b>    | Oceania Customs Organisation                               |
| <b>OCOA</b>   | Offshore Criminal Operations Involving Australians         |
| <b>OECD</b>   | Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development      |
| <b>OMARA</b>  | Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority      |
| <b>OMCG</b>   | Outlaw Motorcycle Gang                                     |

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| <b>ONA</b>      | Office of National Assessments   |
| <b>ONI</b>      | Office of National Intelligence  |
| <b>OPA</b>      | Official Public Account  |
| <b>ORG</b>      | Operational Requirements Group   |
| <b>OTCG</b>     | Operational Tasking and Coordination Group   |
| <b>PAES</b>     | Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements  |
| <b>PBS</b>      | Portfolio Budget Statements  |
| <b>PGPA</b>     | <i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i>                              |
| <b>PIA</b>      | Protected Industrial Action  |
| <b>PISC</b>     | People and Integrity Steering Committee  |
| <b>PJCIS</b>    | Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence And Security                                     |
| <b>PJC-LE</b>   | Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement   |
| <b>PM&amp;C</b> | Department of The Prime Minister and Cabinet   |
| <b>PNG</b>      | Papua New Guinea   |
| <b>PNR</b>      | Passenger Name Records   |
| <b>PNTL</b>     | Policia Nacional De Timor-Leste  |
| <b>POCA</b>     | <i>Proceeds of Crime Act 2002</i>  |
| <b>PRS</b>      | Professional Standards   |
| <b>PSM</b>      | Public Service Medal   |
| <b>PSPF</b>     | Protective Security Policy Framework   |
| <b>PSS</b>      | Public Sector Superannuation Scheme  |
| <b>PSSap</b>    | Public Sector Superannuation Scheme Accumulation Plan  |
| <b>Pty Ltd</b>  | Proprietary Limited  |
| <b>PUE</b>      | Power Usage Effectiveness  |
| <b>PV</b>       | Top Secret 'Positive Vetting' Security Clearance   |
| <b>Qld</b>      | Queensland   |
| <b>QPS</b>      | Queensland Police Service  |
| <b>RAMSI</b>    | Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands   |
| <b>ReCAAP</b>   | The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia |
| <b>RIP</b>      | Research in Practice   |
| <b>ROI</b>      | Return on Investment   |
| <b>RPC</b>      | Regional Processing Centre   |
| <b>RPP</b>      | Research and Public Policy   |
| <b>RSC</b>      | Risk Steering Committee  |
| <b>RSIPF</b>    | Royal Solomon Islands Police Force   |
| <b>SA</b>       | South Australia  |

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| <b>SAP</b>     | Strategic Assurance Program                              |
| <b>SAPol</b>   | South Australia Police                                   |
| <b>SAPP</b>    | Samoa–Australia Policing Partnership                     |
| <b>SBS</b>     | Special Broadcasting Service                             |
| <b>SCEC</b>    | Security Construction and Equipment Committee            |
| <b>SCG</b>     | Strategic Command Group                                  |
| <b>SCV</b>     | Special Category (Subclass 444) Visa                     |
| <b>SDP</b>     | Service Delivery Partner                                 |
| <b>SES</b>     | Senior Executive Service                                 |
| <b>SIE(E )</b> | Specialist Intelligence Employee (Engineer)              |
| <b>SITE</b>    | Senior Information Technology Employee                   |
| <b>SLAs</b>    | Service Level Agreements                                 |
| <b>SLG</b>     | Senior Leadership Group                                  |
| <b>SME</b>     | Small and Medium Enterprises                             |
| <b>SOCCC</b>   | Serious and Organised Crime Coordination Committee       |
| <b>SPM</b>     | Strategic Performance Measure                            |
| <b>SPS</b>     | Samoa Police Service                                     |
| <b>SQF</b>     | Skills and Qualifications Framework                      |
| <b>SRG</b>     | Specialist Response Group                                |
| <b>SRSC</b>    | Status Resolution Steering Committee                     |
| <b>SSVF</b>    | Simplified Student Visa Framework                        |
| <b>STEM</b>    | Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics         |
| <b>T&amp;I</b> | Trends and Issues  |
| <b>Tas.</b>    | Tasmania   |
| <b>TasPol</b>  | Tasmania Police  |
| <b>TCC</b>     | Technology Capability Committee                          |
| <b>TCW</b>     | Targeting Criminal Wealth (Special Investigation)        |
| <b>Telco</b>   | Telecommunications                                       |
| <b>TESC</b>    | Technology and Enabling Steering Committee               |
| <b>TEU</b>     | Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit (Cargo Capacity Measurement) |
| <b>TIS</b>     | Translating and Interpreting Service                     |
| <b>TLDPD</b>   | Timor-Leste Police Development Program                   |
| <b>TMAC</b>    | Talent Management Advisory Committee                     |
| <b>TRS</b>     | Tourist Refund Scheme                                    |
| <b>TS</b>      | Top Secret   |
| <b>TS(PV)</b>  | Top Secret 'Positive Vetting' Security Clearance         |
| <b>TSOC</b>    | Transnational, Serious and Organised Crime               |

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| <b>UCO</b>    | Undercover Operative                          |
| <b>UNHCR</b>  | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees |
| <b>VCSC</b>   | Visa and Citizenship Steering Committee       |
| <b>VEVO</b>   | Visa Entitlement Verification Online          |
| <b>Vic.</b>   | Victoria                                      |
| <b>VicPol</b> | Victoria Police                               |
| <b>VPF</b>    | Vanuatu Police Force                          |
| <b>WA</b>     | Western Australia                             |
| <b>WAPF</b>   | Western Australia Police Force                |
| <b>WCO</b>    | World Customs Organization                    |
| <b>WHS</b>    | Work Health and Safety                        |

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| <div>Director General<br/>Emergency Management Australia<br/>Rob Cameron</div> <div>AS Crisis Management<br/>Joe Buffone</div> <div>AS Disaster Recovery<br/>John Gibbon</div> <div>AS Disaster Preparedness<br/>Luke Brown</div>  |
| <div>FAS Critical Infrastructure Security<br/>Pablo Carpay</div> <div>AS Telecommunications and Technology<br/>Samuel Grunhard</div> <div>AS Assurance Risk and Engagement<br/>Andrew Kiley</div>  |
| <div>FAS Trade and Customs<br/>Dr Bradley Armstrong PSM</div> <div>AS Customs and Border Revenue<br/>Matthew Duckworth</div> <div>AS Trade Modernisation and Industry Engagement<br/>Christie Sawczuk</div> <div>AS Trusted Trader and Trade Services<br/>Tim Fitzgerald</div> <div>AS Traveller<br/>Melissa Bennett A/g</div>   |
| <div>FAS National Resilience Taskforce<br/>Mark Crowweller AFSM</div>  |
| <div>FAS Identity and Biometrics<br/>Andrew Rice A/g</div> <div>AS Identity and Biometrics Capability<br/>Mark Handley A/g</div> <div>AS Identity and Biometrics Specialist<br/>Michael Minns</div> <div>AS AusCheck<br/>Jim Anderson</div> <div>AS Identity Security<br/>Andrew Rice (desig)<br/>Duncan Anderson A/g</div>  |

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KEY

GM – Group Manager  
FAS – First Assistant Secretary  
CT – Counter-Terrorism  
CVE – Countering Violent Extremism  
SAS – Senior Assistant Secretary  
AS – Assistant Secretary  
RD – Regional Director  
MC – Minister Counsellor  
Manager – AFP AS or AFP Commander  
FOI – Freedom of Information  
PMO – Portfolio Management Office  
SD – Senior Director  
A/g – Acting  
Desig - Designate

| NAME/TITLE   | OFFICE        | MOBILE    | ASSISTANT | ROLE | OFFICE | MOBILE         | EMAIL | LOCATION      |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|------|--------|----------------|-------|---------------|
| <b>DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO EXECUTIVES</b>                   | s22(1)(a)(ii) |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Secretary Department of Home Affairs                                     |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Michael Pezzullo   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Commissioner Australian Border Force                                     |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Michael Outram APM   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| CEO Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission                          |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Michael Phelan   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Commissioner Australian Federal Police                                   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Andrew Colvin APM, OAM   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| CEO Australian Transaction Reports & Analysis Centre                     |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Nicole Rose  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE</b>                              |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Deputy Secretary Executive   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Rachel Noble PSM   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Deputy Secretary Policy  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Marc Ablong PSM  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Deputy Secretary Corporate & Enabling   COO                              |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Cheryl-anne Moy  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Deputy Secretary Immigration & Citizenship Services                      |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| FAS Andrew Kefford PSM   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Deputy Secretary Infrastructure, Transport Security & Customs            |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Paul Grierson  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Deputy Secretary Commonwealth Counter-Terrorism Coordinator              |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Linda Geddes   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| National Counter Foreign Interference Coordinator                        |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Chris Teal   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Commonwealth Transnational Serious & Organised Crime Coordinator         |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Karl Kent OAM  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Group Manager Technology and Major Capability                            |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Michael Milford AM   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>OPERATION SOVEREIGN BORDERS - JOINT AGENCY TASK FORCE</b>             |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| OSB JATF Commander   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| MAJGEN Craig Furini AM, CSC  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS KEY CONTACTS</b>                           |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Emergency Management Australia (EMA)                                     |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Director General Rob Cameron   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Aviation & Maritime Security   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| FAS Vanessa Holben   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Critical Infrastructure Security   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| FAS Pablo Carpay   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Special Counsel  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Ian Deane PSM  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Integrity, Security & Assurance / Chief Audit Executive                  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| FAS Mark Brown   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Enterprise Strategy, Risk & Performance / Chief Risk Officer             |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| FAS Abigail Bradshaw   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Executive Coordination   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| FAS Kylie Schotten   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Ministerial & Parliamentary  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| AS Emily Grant   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Portfolio Media & Engagements  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| A/o AS Laura Kemo  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Commonwealth Transnational Serious & Organised Crime Centre Strategy and |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Capability Branch  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Gemma Smyth  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>s22(1)(a)(ii)</b>   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>Media Operations</b>  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Home Affairs Hotline   | 02 6264 2244  | s22(1)(a) |           |      |        | s22(1)(a)(ii)  |       | s22(1)(a)(ii) |
| ABF Media  | 02 6264 2211  | (ii)      |           |      |        | s22(1)(a)(iii) |       |               |
| ACIC Media   | 02 6268 7343  |           |           |      |        | s22(1)(a)(iii) |       |               |
| AFP Media  | 02 6131 6843  |           |           |      |        | s22(1)(a)(iii) |       |               |
| ASIO Media   | 02 6249 8381  |           |           |      |        | s22(1)(a)(iii) |       |               |
| AUSTRAC Media  | 02 9950 0488  |           |           |      |        | s22(1)(a)(ii)  |       |               |
| <b>Parliamentary &amp; Executive Coordination</b>                        | s22(1)(a)(ii) |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Cabinet Liaison Office Barton  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Cabinet Liaison Office Brindabella Park                                  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Cabinet Liaison Office Duty Phone  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Ministerial Liaison Officer  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| ABF Ministerial and Parliamentary Coordination                           |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Coordinator Ministerial and Parliamentary Liaison (AFP)                  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| AFP Strategic External Forums - Cabinet Related Matters                  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| ACIC Ministerial and Executive Support - Cabinet Related Matters         |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| AUSTRAC Executive and Ministerial - Cabinet Related Matters              |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>Executive Governance &amp; Support Section</b>                        | s22(1)(a)(ii) |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Senior Director Executive Governance & Support                           |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| A/o Director Executive Governance & Support                              |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| SES Unit   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| ESU & Events and Engagements Unit  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| ESU Intel  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>ABF</b>   | s22(1)(a)(ii) |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Executive Support Unit   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| <b>WATCH FLOORS   KEY CONTACTS</b>                                       |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Australian Border Force (ABOC Duty Superintendent)                       |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Australian Federal Police (AOC)  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Crisis Coordination Centre (CCC)   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Platinum IT Support (FAS & Business critical positions)                  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| General IT Support   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| MSS Customs House Security Desk  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| ABF HQ Security Desk   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| 4 National Circuit Security Desk   |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| MSS 6 Chan Street Security Desk  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| JLL Property Service Centre  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Customs Incident Reporting Centre (CIRC)                                 |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Mail & Freight: Decipha (Australia Post: Civic)                          |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Mail & Freight: Decipha (Australia Post: Belconnen)                      |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |
| Production & Print Services  |               |           |           |      |        |                |       |               |

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## COUNTER TERRORISM

| Foreign Fighters - Syria/Iraq (since Sep 2012)   | As at 21-May-19                          |
|--|--|
| Australians currently fighting or engaged with terrorist groups involved in the conflict                   | Around 80                                |
| Australians being investigated for actively providing support for terrorist group involved in the conflict | Around 230                               |
| Australians travelled to fight or support groups involved in the conflict                                  | Around 230                               |
| Australians killed as a result of their involvement in the conflict  | At least 103 and possibly as many as 110 |
| Passports cancelled or refused in relation to the conflict   | Around 250                               |
| Returned to Australia after travelling and joining groups involved in the conflict                         | Around 40                                |

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^ Offload figures are inclusive of any incident where a traveller is subject to intervention activity and does not travel as originally intended

| Terrorism Charges and Convictions  | As at 22-May-19 |
|--|-----------------|
| Number of convictions for Commonwealth terrorism offences since 2001, including: | 69              |
| • foreign incursions offences  | 17              |
| Number of convicted terrorist currently serving a custodial sentence             | 48*             |
| Number of persons currently before the courts on terrorism charges, including:   | 26**            |
| • foreign incursions offences  | 7               |

\* 44 of these persons may be subject to the High Risk Terrorist Offender (HRTTO) scheme

\*\* If convicted, 26 of these persons may be subject to the HRTTO scheme

| National Security Hotline (NSH)  | YTD 2018-19 | Apr-19 |
|--|-------------|--------|
| Calls and other contacts received  | 26,321      | 2,653  |
| Information calls forwarded to Australia's police and security agencies for further analysis and investigation | 4,264       | 471    |

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

| Disaster Recovery Programme                       | YTD 2018-19* | Local Government Areas** |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|
| Natural Recovery Funding Arrangements             | 27           | 198                      |
| Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements | 10           | 20                       |
| Disaster Recovery Payment                         | 2            | 23                       |
| Disaster Recovery Allowance                       | 3            | 27                       |

Notes:

\* The 'YTD' column includes the number of disasters that have occurred under each of the disaster recovery programmes – e.g. there have been 27 disasters in 2018-19 that have triggered the activation of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

\*\* The 'Local Government Areas' column includes the number of local government area (LGA) activations for assistance under each of the programmes – i.e. there have been 198 LGA activations for assistance under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements in 2018-19.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Australian Border Force

| Major Drugs, Precursors, NPS & PIEDs (as at 31 March 2019) | YTD 2018-19 | YTD variation |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| Detections   | 27,816      | (1,656)       |
| Of which: Major Drugs                                      | 16,974      | (1,130)       |
| Weight (kg)  | 13,535.53   | 3,497.06      |
| Undeclared Firearms, Parts & Accessories                   | YTD 2018-19 | YTD variation |
| Detections   | 1,434       | (253)         |
| Released   | 610         | (333)         |
| Re-Exported  | 2           | 0             |
| Disposed   | 257         | (2)           |
| Still in store   | 565         | 82            |
| Undeclared tobacco   | YTD 2018-19 | YTD variation |
| Detections   | 243,284     | 184,338       |
| Duty Evaded (\$m) (ex GST)                                 | 549.33      | 285.95        |
| Equivalent Weight (tonnes)                                 | 525.03      | 222.89        |
| Undeclared Currency  | YTD 2018-19 | YTD variation |
| Detections   | 659         | 2             |
| Value (\$m)  | 12.28       | (0.49)        |

### Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

| Intelligence Products                    | Apr-19 |
|--|--------|
| Tactical Intelligence products released  | 167    |
| Strategic Intelligence products released | 14     |

### Australian Federal Police (as at 31 March 2019)

| Activities                 | YTD 2018-19 | FT Average (Past 5 years) |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Referrals*                 | 2,528       | 3,721                     |
| Investigations**           | 1,090       | 1,367                     |
| Criminal assets restrained | \$71.5 (m)  | \$159.8 (m)               |
| Conviction rate            | 95%         | 95%                       |

\* Referrals includes all cases reported from external and internal clients. Excludes ACT and Airports

\*\* Investigations refers to cases accepted by the AFP with a case type of INVESTIGATION or FRAUD & ANTI-CORRUPTION recorded in National PROMIS.

### AUSTRAC

| Transaction reports and reporting entities   | YTD 2018-19 |
|--|-------------|
| International funds transfer instructions reports  |             |
| Number   | 116,155,106 |
| Threshold transaction reports (AUD 10,000 or more)                                       |             |
| Number   | 2,257,468   |
| Cross-border movement (cash AUD 10,000 or more; bearer negotiable instruments any value) |             |
| Number   | 39,202      |
| Suspicious matter reports  |             |
| Number   | 206,680     |
| Reporting entities enrolled  |             |
| Number   | 14,742      |

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## BORDER FLOWS (PEOPLE & TRADE) - AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE

| Air and Sea Travellers              | YTD 2018-19     | YTD variation  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Air & sea traveller arrivals        | 20.4 (m)        | 0.6 (m)        |
| Air & sea traveller departures      | 19.8 (m)        | 0.6 (m)        |
| <b>Total Movements</b>              | <b>40.3 (m)</b> | <b>1.2 (m)</b> |
| Automated border control arrivals   | 9.4 (m)         | 0.7 (m)        |
| Automated border control departures | 13.6 (m)        | 0.5 (m)        |

| Interventions at the border                     | YTD 2018-19 | YTD variation |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| <b>Air Cargo</b>                                |             |               |
| Number of Air Cargo Consignments                | 44,205,766  | 1,834,154     |
| Inspections                                     | 1,025,313   | (327,842)     |
| Examinations                                    | 72,898      | (20,323)      |
| Detections                                      | 7,151       | 1,318         |
| <b>Sea Cargo</b>                                |             |               |
| Number of Sea Cargo Manifests                   | 2,843,657   | 60,558        |
| Inspections                                     | 60,815      | (19,214)      |
| Examinations                                    | 6,385       | (1,479)       |
| Detections                                      | 714         | 41            |
| <b>International Mail (as at 31 March 2019)</b> |             |               |
| Inspections                                     | 33.2 (m)    | (8.3 m)       |
| Examinations                                    | 180,147     | (6,691)       |
| Detections                                      | 63,448      | 6,173         |
| <b>Air Travellers</b>                           |             |               |
| Travellers examined                             | 72,626      | 1,558         |
| Detections                                      | 8,214       | (204)         |
| <b>Detector Dog Program</b>                     |             |               |
| Taskings  | 11,107      | (1,935)       |
| Detections                                      | 1,548       | (611)         |
| <b>Asbestos</b>                                 |             |               |
| Targeted shipments                              | 2,577       | (1,604)       |
| Examinations                                    | 197         | (131)         |
| Detections                                      | 23          | (38)          |

| Trusted Trader                       | As at 30-Apr-19 | Monthly movement |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Number of Accredited Trusted Traders | 382             | 30               |
| % of two way trade value             | 11.04%          | 0.28%            |
| % of two way trade volume            | 7.35%           | 0.24%            |

| Onshore held detention (including Christmas Island) | As at 22-May-19 | Weekly movement |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| IMAs  | 387             | 3               |
| Non-IMA   | 922             | (12)            |
| Of which: s501                                      | 357             | (3)             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1,309</b>    | <b>(9)</b>      |
| <b>Of which:</b>                                    |                 |                 |
| Minors (Age 0-17)                                   | 3               | 0               |

| PNG Regional Resettlement Arrangement   | As at 22-May-19 | Weekly movement |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Manus Island - population statistics    | 526             | 0               |
| People in Australia on medical transfer | 85              | 0               |
| <b>Total population</b>                 | <b>611</b>      | <b>0</b>        |

| Memorandum of Understanding with Nauru | As at 22-May-19 | Weekly movement |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Nauru - population statistics          | 341             | (5)             |
| People on medical transfer             | 901             | 5               |
| <b>Total population</b>                | <b>1,242</b>    | <b>0</b>        |

| USA Resettlements | As at 22-May-19 | Weekly movement |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Manus             | 212             | 0               |
| Nauru             | 303             | 0               |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>515</b>      | <b>0</b>        |

| Location events of non-citizens | YTD 2018-19   | YTD variation |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Voluntary                       | 9,549         | 665           |
| Non-voluntary                   | 2,419         | (855)         |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>11,968</b> | <b>(190)</b>  |

| Location events of illegal workers | YTD 2018-19  | YTD variation |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Voluntary                          | 557          | (86)          |
| Non-voluntary                      | 790          | (551)         |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>1,347</b> | <b>(637)</b>  |

## VISA & CITIZENSHIP

| Permanent Migration Program              | YTD 2018-19    | Variation planning level |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| Family                                   | 40,327         | (7,506)                  |
| Skill                                    | 91,072         | (16,053)                 |
| Special Eligibility                      | 99             | (372)                    |
| Child                                    | 2,832          | N/A                      |
| <b>Total Migration and Child Program</b> | <b>134,330</b> | <b>N/A</b>               |

| Refugee & Humanitarian Program Grants | YTD 2018-19   | Variation planning level |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Offshore                              | 12,870        | (1,380)                  |
| Onshore                               | 1,231         | (144)                    |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>14,101</b> | <b>(1,524)</b>           |

| Temporary visa grants        | YTD 2018-19      | YTD variation  |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Crew and Transit             | 296,890          | (1,085)        |
| New Zealand                  | 1,595,904        | 25,309         |
| Other Temporary              | 10,009           | (980)          |
| Student                      | 329,090          | 30,188         |
| Temporary Resident (Other)   | 151,536          | (1,039)        |
| Temporary Resident (Skilled) | 68,885           | 16,596         |
| Visitor                      | 4,851,608        | 35,723         |
| Working Holiday Maker        | 180,862          | (38)           |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>7,484,784</b> | <b>104,674</b> |

| Citizenship                      | YTD 2018-19 | YTD variation |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Citizenship Conferral Lodgements | 110,543     | (69,334)      |
| Citizenship Acquisitions         | 101,629     | 33,893        |

| Illegal maritime arrival legacy caseload (since 19-Sep-13) | As at 22-May-19 | Weekly movement |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Processing status</b>                                   |                 |                 |
| Applications onhand  | 7,794           | (37)            |
| Applications at merits review                              | 1,003           | (17)            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>8,797</b>    | <b>(54)</b>     |
| <b>As at 22-May-19</b>                                     |                 |                 |
| Total grants (TPV and SHEV)                                | 15,510          | 24              |

| Residence Determination         | As at 22-May-19 | Weekly movement |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Occupancy</b>                |                 |                 |
| IMAs                            | 761             | 1               |
| Non-IMAs                        | 9               | 0               |
| <b>Total population</b>         | <b>770</b>      | <b>1</b>        |
| <b>Of which:</b>                |                 |                 |
| Unaccompanied minors (Age 0-17) | 5               | 0               |

| Visa compliance                       | YTD 2018-19 | YTD variation |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Number of visa cancellations          | 41,537      | (5,362)       |
| <b>Of which:</b>                      |             |               |
| s501: Character                       | 771         | 1             |
| Illegal worker warning notices issued | 256         | 17            |

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## MARITIME OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE

| Operation Sovereign Borders  | YTD<br>2018-19 |
|--|----------------|
| Interceptions  | 0              |
| Arrivals   | 1              |
| Days since last people smuggling venture to Australia that could not be returned | 247            |

| Vessel Patrol Days  | YTD<br>2018-19 | YTD<br>variation |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|
| ABFC Ocean Shield   | 238            | (24)             |
| ABFC Thaiyak        | 254            | (11)             |
| ABFC Patrol days    | 1,356          | (365)            |
| Fast Response Boats | 242            | N/A              |

| Aircraft coverage (NM <sup>2</sup> ) | YTD<br>2018-19 | YTD<br>variation |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Coverage                             | 98.5 (m)       | -1.5 (m)         |

| Illegal Foreign Fishers and Vessels             | YTD<br>2018-19 | YTD<br>variation |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| Illegal Foreign Fishing Vessels Apprehended     | 3              | (8)              |
| Illegal Foreign Fishers Apprehended & Processed | 24             | (34)             |

## AVIATION AND MARITIME SECURITY DIVISION

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| Activities   | YTD<br>2018-19 | YTD variation<br>from pro-rata<br>target |
|--|----------------|--|
| s47C, s47E(d)  |                |  |
| <b>National Compliance Plan Progress</b>                                 |                |  |
| Total Core NCP activities conducted                                      | 1,267          | (1.0%)                                   |
| Total activities conducted (inclusive of Response and Advice activities) | 1,915          | N/A                                      |
| <b>Regulatory Assessments</b>  |                |  |
| Legislative Assessments completed  | 938            | N/A                                      |
| Applications in Progress   | 287            | N/A                                      |

## BIOMETRICS

|                                   | YTD<br>2018-19 | YTD<br>variation |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Facial Enrolments                 | 1,166,864      | 308,861          |
| Fingerprints                      |                |                  |
| Enrolments                        | 512,895        | 49,579           |
| Referrals to Migration 5 Partners | 1,740,873      | 1,137,928        |

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# Home Affairs Weekly Statistics

## Manus & Nauru - Population Statistics

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### Population Statistics by Refugee Status & Location - Manus

| Location  | Refugees   | Still in RSD Process | Failed Asylum Seekers | Total      |
|---|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre (ELRTC) <sup>1</sup> | 137        | 0                    | 5                     | 142        |
| West Lorengau Haus <sup>2</sup>                           | 69         | 0                    | 1                     | 70         |
| Hillside Haus   | 0          | 0                    | 90                    | 90         |
| Location to be confirmed                                  | 0          | 0                    | 0                     | 0          |
| Port Moresby Medical                                      | 52         | 0                    | 22                    | 74         |
| Port Moresby (R & R) <sup>3</sup>                         | 1          | 0                    | 3                     | 4          |
| Port Moresby (Nauru EOI)                                  | 1          | 0                    | 0                     | 1          |
| Port Moresby (Third Country) <sup>4</sup>                 | 86         | 0                    | 0                     | 86         |
| PNG Community <sup>5</sup>                                | 58         | 0                    | 1                     | 59         |
| <b>Total in PNG</b>                                       | <b>404</b> | <b>0</b>             | <b>122</b>            | <b>526</b> |
| Australia (Medical)                                       | 69         | 4                    | 12                    | 85         |

<sup>1</sup> Includes settled refugees who have subsequently returned to the ELRTC voluntarily.

<sup>2</sup> Includes settled refugees who have subsequently returned to the West Lorengau Haus voluntarily.

<sup>3</sup> Includes persons actively pursuing Assisted Voluntary Returns and involuntary removal case(s) managed by PNG ICSA.

<sup>4</sup> Includes refugees attending US resettlement appointments or awaiting departure to the US. Also includes refugees progressing their own third country resettlement. Not all refugees in this cohort are necessarily on a departure pathway.

<sup>5</sup> Refers to Failed Asylum Seeker(s) who are residing in the PNG community after being discharged from service provider's care due to long-term absence from allocated accommodation.

### Population Statistics by Refugee Status & Location - Nauru

| Location                          | Refugees   | Still in RSD Process | Failed Asylum Seekers <sup>1</sup> | Total      |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Regional Processing Centre (RPC)  | 0          | 0                    | 0                                  | 0          |
| Nauru Community                   | 259        | 58                   | 24                                 | 341        |
| <b>Total in Nauru<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>259</b> | <b>58</b>            | <b>24</b>                          | <b>341</b> |
| Australia (Medical)               | 841        | 56                   | 2                                  | 899        |
| Port Moresby (Medical)            | 0          | 0                    | 0                                  | 0          |
| Taiwan (Medical)                  | 2          | 0                    | 0                                  | 2          |
| <b>Total Medical Transfers</b>    | <b>843</b> | <b>56</b>            | <b>2</b>                           | <b>901</b> |
| Port Moresby (R & R)              | 0          | 0                    | 0                                  | 0          |

<sup>1</sup> Figures include transferees who have gone through the requisite appeals processes and are now considered to be failed asylum seekers by the government of Nauru. Official confirmation of these cases was received on 02 May 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes two PNG determined refugees who were transferred to Nauru voluntarily.

### Third Country Resettlements

| Country               | Manus      | Nauru      | Total      | Weekly Movement |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Cambodia <sup>1</sup> | 0          | 7          | 7          | 0               |
| Canada <sup>2</sup>   | 1          | 2          | 3          | 0               |
| USA                   | 212        | 303        | 515        | 0               |
| Germany               | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0               |
| Switzerland           | 1          | 1          | 2          | 0               |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>215</b> | <b>313</b> | <b>528</b> | <b>0</b>        |

<sup>1</sup> Cambodia figures include four previously settled refugees who have subsequently returned to their country of origin voluntarily.

<sup>2</sup> Resettlements in Canada were attained through refugee self-arrangements.

### Children in Nauru

|                                 | 15-May     | 22-May     | Weekly Movement |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| RPC                             | 0          | 0          | 0               |
| Community                       | 0          | 0          | 0               |
| Medical Transfer (Australia)    | 283        | 283        | 0               |
| Medical Transfer (Port Moresby) | 0          | 0          | 0               |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>283</b> | <b>283</b> | <b>0</b>        |

### RPC Incident Types - Nauru

| Incident Types               | 15-May   | 22-May   | Weekly Movement |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Self Harm - Actual           | 1        | 1        | 0               |
| Self Harm - Threat           | 1        | 3        | 2               |
| Food/Fluid Refusal           | 0        | 0        | 0               |
| Assault Nonsexual            | 0        | 0        | 0               |
| Assault Nonsexual - Under 18 | 0        | 0        | 0               |
| Assault Sexual               | 0        | 0        | 0               |
| Abusive/Aggressive Behaviour | 0        | 0        | 0               |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>2</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b>        |

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## Detention Facilities - Mainland & Christmas Island

Weekly statistics as at COB 22 May 2019 unless specified

### Detention Facility Characteristics

| Mainland                                | As at<br>30-Jun-2017 | As at<br>30-Jun-2018 | Variance    | As at 15-May | As at 22-May | Weekly<br>movement |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total Occupancy</b>                  | <b>981</b>           | <b>1,108</b>         | <b>127</b>  | <b>1,318</b> | <b>1,309</b> | <b>(9)</b>         |
| <b>Total IMAs</b>                       | <b>264</b>           | <b>254</b>           | <b>(10)</b> | <b>384</b>   | <b>387</b>   | <b>3</b>           |
| IMA Adult Males                         | 256                  | 245                  | (11)        | 345          | 347          | 2                  |
| IMA Adult Females                       | 8                    | 7                    | (1)         | 37           | 38           | 1                  |
| IMA Minors                              | 0                    | 2                    | 2           | 2            | 2            | 0                  |
| <b>Total Non IMAs</b>                   | <b>717</b>           | <b>854</b>           | <b>137</b>  | <b>934</b>   | <b>922</b>   | <b>(12)</b>        |
| Non-IMA Adult Males                     | 635                  | 781                  | 146         | 878          | 868          | (10)               |
| Non-IMA Adult Females                   | 77                   | 71                   | (6)         | 55           | 53           | (2)                |
| Non-IMA Minors                          | 5                    | 2                    | (3)         | 1            | 1            | 0                  |
| s501 Character Cancellations            | 304                  | 330                  | 26          | 360          | 357          | (3)                |
| <b>Avg days in Detention</b>            | <b>418</b>           | <b>353</b>           | <b>(65)</b> | <b>485</b>   | <b>490</b>   | <b>5</b>           |
| IMA                                     | 866                  | 718                  | (148)       | 707          | 708          | 1                  |
| Non-IMA                                 | 254                  | 245                  | (9)         | 394          | 398          | 4                  |
| <b>Avg days In Detention (Children)</b> | <b>22</b>            | <b>161</b>           | <b>139</b>  | <b>496</b>   | <b>503</b>   | <b>7</b>           |
| IMA                                     | 0                    | 118                  | 118         | 437          | 444          | 7                  |
| Non-IMA                                 | 22                   | 204                  | 182         | 615          | 622          | 7                  |
| <b>Escapes (Since July 2013)</b>        | <b>71</b>            | <b>82</b>            | <b>11</b>   | <b>85</b>    | <b>85</b>    | <b>0</b>           |
| IMA                                     | 31                   | 31                   | 0           | 31           | 31           | 0                  |
| Non-IMA                                 | 40                   | 51                   | 11          | 54           | 54           | 0                  |
| <b>Deaths (Since July 2013)</b>         | <b>11</b>            | <b>13</b>            | <b>2</b>    | <b>20</b>    | <b>20</b>    | <b>0</b>           |
| IMA                                     | 8                    | 8                    | 0           | 9            | 9            | 0                  |
| Non-IMA                                 | 3                    | 5                    | 2           | 11           | 11           | 0                  |
| Christmas Island*                       | As at<br>30-Jun-2017 | As at<br>30-Jun-2018 | Variance    | As at 15-May | As at 22-May | Weekly<br>movement |
| <b>Occupancy</b>                        | <b>281</b>           | <b>239</b>           | <b>(42)</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>           |
| IMA Adult Males                         | 78                   | 78                   | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                  |
| Non-IMA Adult Males                     | 203                  | 161                  | (42)        | 0            | 0            | 0                  |
| s501 Character Cancellations            | 146                  | 119                  | (27)        | 0            | 0            | 0                  |
| <b>Avg days in Detention</b>            | <b>637</b>           | <b>820</b>           | <b>183</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>           |
| IMA                                     | 1,062                | 1,246                | 184         | 0            | 0            | 0                  |
| Non-IMA                                 | 474                  | 613                  | 139         | 0            | 0            | 0                  |
| <b>Escapes (Since July 2013)</b>        | <b>3</b>             | <b>3</b>             | <b>0</b>    | <b>3</b>     | <b>3</b>     | <b>0</b>           |
| IMA                                     | 3                    | 3                    | 0           | 3            | 3            | 0                  |
| Non-IMA                                 | 0                    | 0                    | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                  |
| <b>Deaths (Since July 2013)</b>         | <b>1</b>             | <b>1</b>             | <b>0</b>    | <b>1</b>     | <b>1</b>     | <b>0</b>           |
| IMA                                     | 1                    | 1                    | 0           | 1            | 1            | 0                  |
| Non-IMA                                 | 0                    | 0                    | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                  |

### Onshore Incident Categories (as at 30 April 2019)

| Categories                   | Financial Year |               |              | Year to Date  |               |              |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|                              | 2016-17        | 2017-18       | Variance     | 2017-18       | 2018-19       | Variance     |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>16,530</b>  | <b>20,286</b> | <b>3,756</b> | <b>16,303</b> | <b>17,958</b> | <b>1,655</b> |
| Critical                     | 42             | 47            | 5            | 39            | 47            | 8            |
| Major                        | 7,948          | 4,178         | (3,770)      | 3,532         | 3,077         | (455)        |
| Minor                        | 8,540          | 16,061        | 7,521        | 12,732        | 14,834        | 2,102        |
| <b>Types</b>                 |                |               |              |               |               |              |
| Abusive/Aggressive Behaviour | 1,047          | 1,092         | 45           | 893           | 1,133         | 240          |
| Food/Fluid Refusal           | 62             | 246           | 184          | 233           | 165           | (68)         |
| Self Harm - Actual           | 290            | 186           | (104)        | 154           | 148           | (6)          |

### Held Detention Populations<sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)</sup>

| Facility                      | IMA Population | Non-IMA Population | Total Population | Operational Capacity | Contingency Capacity | DSP Contract Bandwidth <sup>(5)</sup> | Capacity Rating |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| North West Point              | 0              | 0                  | 0                | 462                  | 544                  | N/A                                   | N/A             |
| Perth IDC                     | 3              | 22                 | 25               | 34                   | 40                   | 26 - 50                               | Operational     |
| Yongah Hill IDC               | 90             | 242                | 332              | 379                  | 446                  | 251 - 500                             | Operational     |
| Adelaide ITA                  | 12             | 13                 | 25               | 25                   | 40                   | 1 - 25                                | Contingency     |
| Broadmeadows Residential APOD | 26             | 3                  | 29               | 29                   | 32                   |                                       | Operational     |
| Maribyrnong IDC               | 0              | 0                  | 0                | 0                    | 0                    | N/A                                   | N/A             |
| Melbourne ITA & ITA3          | 67             | 168                | 235              | 263                  | 309                  | 151 - 250                             | Contingency     |
| Villawood IDF                 | 102            | 382                | 484              | 480                  | 599                  | 251 - 480                             | Contingency     |
| Brisbane ITA                  | 86             | 79                 | 165              | 119                  | 140                  | 51 - 76                               | Surge           |
| Northern APOD                 | 0              | 12                 | 12               | 44                   | 44                   | N/A                                   | N/A             |
| Alternate Place of Detention  | 1              | 1                  | 2                | N/A                  | N/A                  | N/A                                   | N/A             |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>387</b>     | <b>922</b>         | <b>1,309</b>     | <b>1,835</b>         | <b>2,194</b>         |                                       |                 |

<sup>1</sup> Immigration detention centres operate in a dynamic environment. It can take several days for action taken on the ground to be reflected in DIBP systems. All figures are subject to change on a daily basis.

<sup>2</sup> Capacity information can change depending on the configuration of accommodation and the cohorts within a facility.

<sup>3</sup> All figures within this report are based on DIBP operational data.

<sup>4</sup> Some children may be reported in an IDC as recorded in DIBP systems, although they are technically accommodated in an APOD.

<sup>5</sup> This field represents the expected occupancy rate (determined by the Department) for the current month. The contract provides sufficient bandwidth to cover all facilities at their maximum 'contingency capacity' utilisation.

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# Home Affairs Weekly Statistics

## Residence Determination & BVE

Weekly statistics as at COB 22 May 2019 unless specified

### IMAs in the Community

|                                      | As at<br>30-Jun-2017 | As at<br>30-Jun-2018 | Variance | As at 15-May | As at 22-May | Weekly movement |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Bridging Visa Category E - In Effect | 20,138               | 15,890               | (4,248)  | 12,723       | 12,709       | (14)            |
| Bridging Visa Category E - Ceased    | 2,005                | 1,530                | (475)    | 1,974        | 1,958        | (16)            |
| Residence Determination              | 537                  | 355                  | (182)    | 760          | 761          | 1               |

### IMA Bridging Visa Category E

|  | As at<br>30-Jun-2017 | As at<br>30-Jun-2018 | Variance       | As at 15-May  | As at 22-May  | Weekly movement |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total IMAs</b>  | <b>22,143</b>        | <b>17,420</b>        | <b>(4,723)</b> | <b>14,697</b> | <b>14,667</b> | <b>(30)</b>     |
| In Effect  | 20,138               | 15,890               | (4,248)        | 12,723        | 12,709        | (14)            |
| IMA BVE with working rights                                | 20,111               | 15,864               | (4,247)        | 12,676        | 12,658        | (18)            |
| Dependants   | 3,527                | 2,845                | (682)          | 2,187         | 2,187         | 0               |
| IMA Final Departure BVE1                                   | N/A                  | 654                  | N/A            | 663           | 659           | (4)             |
| Adult IMA BVE in effect with a Code of Behaviour Condition | 16,387               | 12,829               | (3,558)        | 11,508        | 11,480        | (28)            |
| Ceased - In Community                                      | 2,005                | 1,530                | (475)          | 1,974         | 1,958         | (16)            |
| Signed Code of Behaviour forms received                    | 21,136               | 19,798               | (1,338)        | 19,303        | 19,296        | (7)             |

### Residence Determination

|                              | As at<br>30-Jun-2017 | As at<br>30-Jun-2018 | Variance | As at 15-May | As at 22-May | Weekly movement |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Minors <sup>2</sup>          | 203                  | 168                  | (35)     | 283          | 283          | 0               |
| UAMs                         | 14                   | 8                    | (6)      | 5            | 5            | 0               |
| RD Revoked (Since July 2013) | 156                  | 165                  | 9        | 166          | 166          | 0               |

### Cohorts In Residence Determination

|                                | As at<br>30-Jun-2017 | As at<br>30-Jun-2018 | Variance     | As at 15-May | As at 22-May | Weekly movement |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total in RD<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>553</b>           | <b>368</b>           | <b>(185)</b> | <b>769</b>   | <b>770</b>   | <b>1</b>        |
| IMA Adult Males                | 198                  | 98                   | (100)        | 256          | 257          | 1               |
| IMA Adult Females              | 146                  | 99                   | (47)         | 225          | 225          | 0               |
| IMA Minors                     | 193                  | 158                  | (35)         | 279          | 279          | 0               |
| Non-IMAs                       | 16                   | 13                   | (3)          | 9            | 9            | 0               |

<sup>1</sup> Figures include IMA BVE holders who are finally determined and have been granted a BVE on departure grounds or part of the reminder to apply project and have not yet lodged.

<sup>2</sup> This number is inclusive of both IMA's and Non-IMA's.

### Key Observations

The following incidents occurred between 16 May and 22 May 2019:

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# Home Affairs Weekly Statistics

## IMA Removals & Returns

Monthly statistics as at COB 30 April 2019 unless specified

### Onshore IMA Removals & Returns<sup>1</sup>

| Onshore                             | Financial Year |            |           | Year to Date |            |             |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------|
|                                     | 2016-17        | 2017-18    | Variance  | 2017-18      | 2018-19    | Variance    |
| <b>Onshore Returns and Removals</b> | <b>410</b>     | <b>463</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>395</b>   | <b>335</b> | <b>(60)</b> |
| Voluntary Removals                  | 95             | 135        | 40        | 116          | 74         | (42)        |
| Involuntary Removals                | 18             | 28         | 10        | 26           | 24         | (2)         |
| Voluntary Returns                   | 290            | 297        | 7         | 251          | 236        | (15)        |
| Onshore Crew Removals               | 7              | 3          | (4)       | 2            | 1          | (1)         |

### Offshore IMA Removals & Returns

| Offshore                              | Financial Year |            |            | Year to Date |            |              |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|                                       | 2016-17        | 2017-18    | Variance   | 2017-18      | 2018-19    | Variance     |
| <b>Offshore Returns and Removals</b>  | <b>68</b>      | <b>402</b> | <b>334</b> | <b>356</b>   | <b>237</b> | <b>(119)</b> |
| Voluntary Returns                     | 62             | 95         | 33         | 92           | 11         | (81)         |
| Involuntary Removals                  | 4              | 14         | 10         | 14           | 0          | (14)         |
| Third Country Settlement <sup>2</sup> | 2              | 293        | 291        | 250          | 226        | (24)         |

<sup>1</sup> Please note that reporting in relation to IMA assisted or managed departures (including returns from the community and removals from immigration detention) has changed. As part of its program of statistical improvement, the Department has automated its production of statistics on IMA returns/removals. The transition has resulted in a change to the previously reported figures. The reported figures were extracted from DIBP systems as at 7 May 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Third country settlement includes refugees settled in Cambodia, Canada and the United States of America.

Note that the historical figures for previous financial years have been refreshed and updated at the commencement of the current program year. As a result, due to retrospective data entries or systems corrections; and recent improvement to methodologies in the extraction of system data, the figures will differ from those previously reported.

### Return Services

|                 | Departures (No.) - YTD |            |             | Re-Integration Assistance (\$) - YTD |                  |                      |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
|                 | 2017-18                | 2018-19    | Variance    | 2017-18                              | 2018-19          | Variance             |
| <b>Onshore</b>  | <b>270</b>             | <b>233</b> | <b>(37)</b> | <b>\$892,803</b>                     | <b>\$756,678</b> | <b>(\$136,125)</b>   |
| <b>Offshore</b> | <b>78</b>              | <b>9</b>   | <b>(69)</b> | <b>\$1,798,100</b>                   | <b>\$225,000</b> | <b>(\$1,573,100)</b> |
| Nauru           | 9                      | 3          | (6)         | \$225,000                            | \$75,000         | (\$150,000)          |
| Manus           | 69                     | 6          | (63)        | \$1,573,100                          | \$150,000        | (\$1,423,100)        |

### Key Observations

#### Rapid Departure Assistance service (RDA)

The Rapid Departure Assistance service, delivered by the International Organisation for Migration as part of their existing returns services, is only available to transferees in the Regional Processing Centres and was implemented on 30 May 2014. This service provides an increased amount of financial assistance for individuals, compared to the assistance available to those returning from an onshore location. The increased costs associated with the implementation of RDA offshore accounts for the increase in costs across the program, despite a drop in the number of comparative returns from Manus Island and Nauru. Allowances are provided on a GDP per capita, country-specific basis and consist of cash and in-kind assistance.

#### Voluntary Departure Assistance service (VDA)

The Voluntary Departure Assistance service is only available to transferees in the Regional Processing Centres, and was implemented on 11 July 2014. This is a departmental service and facilitates departure for those transferees who wish to return home, but who the International Organization for Migration are unable to assist. Voluntary Departure Assistance allowances are cash allowances only and are structured on a GDP per capita, country-specific basis. Therefore, the amount of assistance provided through VDA is less than that which is offered under RDA due to the unavailability of in-kind assistance.

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### Remaining in the IMA Legacy Caseload

|                                  | Fast Track   | Non-Fast Track | Total        |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Applications Onhand</b> | <b>7,913</b> | <b>884</b>     | <b>8,797</b> |
| <b>TPV Applications Onhand</b>   | <b>924</b>   | <b>358</b>     | <b>1,282</b> |
| Onhand Primary                   | 846          | 40             | 886          |
| Onhand Review <sup>1</sup>       | 65           | 269            | 334          |
| Remitted Awaiting Decision       | 13           | 49             | 62           |
| <b>SHEV Applications Onhand</b>  | <b>6,989</b> | <b>526</b>     | <b>7,515</b> |
| Onhand Primary                   | 6,621        | 144            | 6,765        |
| Onhand Review <sup>1</sup>       | 289          | 380            | 669          |
| Remitted Awaiting Decision       | 79           | 2              | 81           |

### Primary Decisions<sup>2</sup>

|                 | Fast Track    | Non-Fast Track | Total         |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Grants</b>   | <b>11,117</b> | <b>1,522</b>   | <b>12,639</b> |
| TPV Grant       | 1,938         | 1,051          | 2,989         |
| SHEV Grant      | 9,179         | 471            | 9,650         |
| <b>Refusals</b> | <b>6,107</b>  | <b>3,427</b>   | <b>9,534</b>  |

### Review Outcomes<sup>2</sup>

|          | Fast Track | Non-Fast Track | Total |
|----------|------------|----------------|-------|
| Remitted | 722        | 2,461          | 3,183 |
| Affirmed | 5,208      | 2,117          | 7,325 |

### Finally Determined Decisions<sup>2</sup>

|  | Fast Track    | Non-Fast Track | Total         |
|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Grants</b>                          | <b>11,740</b> | <b>3,770</b>   | <b>15,510</b> |
| TPV Grant                              | 2,100         | 3,285          | 5,385         |
| SHEV Grant                             | 9,640         | 485            | 10,125        |
| <b>Refusals</b>                        | <b>4,854</b>  | <b>1,876</b>   | <b>6,730</b>  |
| At Judicial Review                     | 3,766         | 329            | 4,095         |
| Not at Judicial Review                 | 1,088         | 1,547          | 2,635         |
| <b>Excluded Fast Track<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>50</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>50</b>     |

Notes:

All eligible IMAs have had pre-application processing completed, including s46A bar lifts and invitations to apply letters sent. Statistics relating to IMA Legacy Caseload differ from the statistics relating to IMAs generally. The IMS Legacy Caseload excludes cohorts such as those finally determined to be granted or refused a visa.

### Additional Information (cumulative)

|                        | Fast Track   | Non-Fast Track | Total        |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Born to IMA</b>     | <b>1,536</b> | <b>132</b>     | <b>1,668</b> |
| <b>Removal/Returns</b> | <b>490</b>   | <b>1,220</b>   | <b>1,710</b> |
| Voluntary Removals     | 61           | 330            | 391          |
| Involuntary Removals   | 15           | 93             | 108          |
| Voluntary Returns      | 414          | 797            | 1,211        |
| <b>Deceased</b>        | <b>26</b>    | <b>36</b>      | <b>62</b>    |

### Detention Status<sup>4</sup>

|                            | BVE in Community <sup>5</sup> | Held Detention <sup>6</sup> | Residence Determination |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Onhand Primary             | 7,489                         | 33                          | 5                       |
| Remitted Awaiting Decision | 116                           | 22                          | 0                       |
| Finally Determined Refusal | 5,212                         | 131                         | 14                      |

<sup>1</sup> Includes IMAs who are 'in the review window' where relevant.

<sup>2</sup> Includes protection outcomes since 19 September 2013.

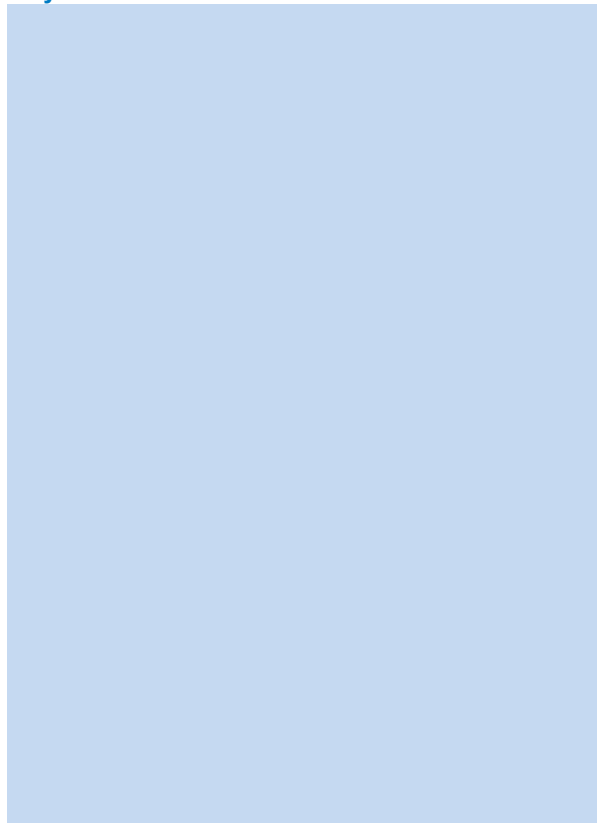
<sup>3</sup> Excluded Fast Track represents IMAs at various stages of processing who have been excluded from merits review.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes a small number of IMAs on Temporary Humanitarian Stay (subclass 449) or Temporary Humanitarian Concern (subclass 786) visas who have not yet lodged, are currently in the process or have already been finally determined. Figures exclude certain cohorts of IMAs that do not form part of the IMA Legacy Caseload.

<sup>5</sup> BVE in community includes IMAs who previously held a BVE and are now undergoing a re-grant process.

<sup>6</sup> Includes IMAs who are in correctional facilities.

### Key Points





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## Humanitarian Program

Monthly statistics as at COB 30 April 2019 unless specified

### Humanitarian Program

|                                    | Financial Year |               |              | Year to Date  |                 |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                    | 2016-17        | 2017-18       | Variance     | Actual        | Pro-Rata Target | Variance       |
| <b>Total Humanitarian Program</b>  | <b>13,760</b>  | <b>16,250</b> | <b>2,490</b> | <b>14,101</b> | <b>15,625</b>   | <b>(1,524)</b> |
| <b>Total Offshore</b>              | <b>12,049</b>  | <b>14,825</b> | <b>2,776</b> | <b>12,870</b> | <b>14,250</b>   | <b>(1,380)</b> |
| Refugee                            | 6,642          | 7,909         | 1,267        | 7,320         | 7,986           | (666)          |
| Special Humanitarian Program (SHP) | 5,407          | 6,916         | 1,509        | 5,550         | 6,264           | (714)          |
| <b>Total Onshore<sup>1</sup></b>   | <b>1,711</b>   | <b>1,425</b>  | <b>(286)</b> | <b>1,231</b>  | <b>1,375</b>    | <b>(144)</b>   |

<sup>1</sup> Only includes program countable 866 visas

Note: Data is taken from live systems and may vary from previously reported figures.

### Humanitarian Program - Onshore / Offshore

|                 | Year to Date |          |        |
|-----------------|--------------|----------|--------|
|                 | Onshore      | Offshore | Total  |
| Lodgements      | 20,237       | 56,346   | 76,583 |
| Onhand          | 29,846       | 47,908   | 77,754 |
| Grants          | 1,231        | 12,870   | 14,101 |
| Refused / Other | 10,146       | 51,109   | 61,255 |

### Offshore Grants

| Offshore Program - Top Countries of Birth |               |
|---|---------------|
| Iraq                                      | 5,284         |
| Congo (DRC)                               | 1,850         |
| Myanmar                                   | 1,555         |
| Syria                                     | 1,541         |
| Afghanistan                               | 929           |
| Other                                     | 1,711         |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>12,870</b> |

| Vulnerable Women and Children - Top Countries of Birth |              |
|--|--------------|
| Iraq   | 1,321        |
| Congo (DRC)  | 280          |
| Afghanistan  | 165          |
| Syria  | 71           |
| Ethiopia   | 49           |
| Other  | 147          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,033</b> |

| Top Ethnicities |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Iraqi           | 2,150         |
| Congo           | 1,332         |
| Chaldean (Iraq) | 1,179         |
| Syrian          | 1,107         |
| Kurdish         | 1,000         |
| Other           | 6,102         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>12,870</b> |

| Top Religious Groups |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Christian            | 8,405 |
| Islam                | 2,121 |
| Other                | 1,884 |
| Buddhist             | 404   |
| Hindu                | 51    |
| Judaic               | 5     |

| Age              |       |
|------------------|-------|
| <18 years of age | 5,167 |
| >18 years of age | 7,703 |

| Gender |       |
|--------|-------|
| Female | 6,553 |
| Male   | 6,317 |

### Offshore Onhand

| Refugee          |                |                     |               |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Country of Birth | UNHCR referred | Not UNHCR referred* | Total         |
| Iraq             | 489            | 8,072               | 8,561         |
| Syria            | 681            | 4,139               | 4,820         |
| Congo (DRC)      | 1,640          | 176                 | 1,816         |
| Afghanistan      | 219            | 899                 | 1,118         |
| Eritrea          | 338            | 488                 | 826           |
| Ethiopia         | 178            | 616                 | 794           |
| Yemen            | 0              | 492                 | 492           |
| Saudi Arabia     | 470            | 8                   | 478           |
| Myanmar          | 0              | 458                 | 458           |
| South Africa     | 56             | 289                 | 345           |
| Other            | 594            | 1,381               | 1,975         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>4,665</b>   | <b>17,018</b>       | <b>21,683</b> |

\*Not UNHCR referred applicants include in-country and self-referred applications, which are usually refused.

Mission is unable to access most in-country applicants for interviewing. Self-referred applicants do not usually hold reliable identity documents e.g. UNHCR registration card.

| Special Humanitarian Program |              |               |              |               |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Country of Birth             | CSP          | P1 & P2       | P3, P4 & P5  | Total         |
| Iraq                         | 372          | 7,001         | 2,499        | 9,872         |
| Myanmar                      | 11           | 2,226         | 3,930        | 6,167         |
| Syria                        | 29           | 2,320         | 578          | 2,927         |
| Afghanistan                  | 510          | 846           | 145          | 1,501         |
| Congo (DRC)                  | 0            | 1,069         | 273          | 1,342         |
| Ethiopia                     | 4            | 230           | 618          | 852           |
| Eritrea                      | 29           | 652           | 143          | 824           |
| Iran                         | 228          | 498           | 86           | 812           |
| Bhutan                       | 0            | 291           | 179          | 470           |
| Burundi                      | 0            | 272           | 36           | 308           |
| Other                        | 34           | 599           | 517          | 1,150         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>1,217</b> | <b>16,004</b> | <b>9,004</b> | <b>26,225</b> |

|    |                       |
|----|-----------------------|
| P1 | SHP Split Family      |
| P2 | Close Family          |
| P3 | Other Family          |
| P4 | Other Offshore and UM |
| P5 | UHM IMA               |

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# Home Affairs Weekly Statistics

## Immigration Integrity & Status Resolution

Monthly statistics as at COB 30 April 2019 unless specified

### Immigration Integrity & Status Resolution Activities<sup>1</sup>

|   | Financial Year |           |           | Year to Date |           |           |
|---|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2016-17        | 2017-18   | Variance  | 2017-18      | 2018-19   | Variance  |
| <b>Program Integrity Activities</b>             |                |           |           |              |           |           |
| Source Information (dob-ins/allegations)        | 25,464         | 16,127    | (9,337)   | 14,842       | 18,627    | 3,785     |
| Field Actions - Visited/Executed <sup>2</sup>   | 4,407          | 3,765     | (642)     | 3,250        | 2,214     | (1,036)   |
| Locations <sup>3</sup>                          | 15,885         | 14,750    | (1,135)   | 12,158       | 11,968    | (190)     |
| <b>Employer Compliance/Sanctions Activities</b> |                |           |           |              |           |           |
| Location of Illegal Workers <sup>3</sup>        | 2,268          | 2,389     | 121       | 1,984        | 1,347     | (637)     |
| Employer Awareness Activities <sup>4</sup>      | 979            | 1,230     | 251       | 994          | 839       | (155)     |
| New VEVO registrations                          | 10,627         | 10,324    | (303)     | 8,449        | 8,052     | (397)     |
| VEVO organisation checks                        | 3,498,368      | 4,768,896 | 1,270,528 | 3,969,112    | 5,050,881 | 1,081,769 |
| VEVO self checks                                | 4,558,070      | 6,693,804 | 2,135,734 | 5,534,178    | 6,697,819 | 1,163,641 |
| Illegal Worker Warning Notices (IWWNs)          | 396            | 310       | (86)      | 239          | 256       | 17        |

### Immigration Integrity & Status Resolution - Population<sup>1</sup>

|  | Financial Year |         |          | Year to Date |         |          |
|--|----------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|
|  | 2016-17        | 2017-18 | Variance | 2017-18      | 2018-19 | Variance |
| <b>Non-citizens entering the SR Population<sup>5</sup></b> |                |         |          |              |         |          |
| Total Visa Cancellations <sup>6</sup>                      | 57,161         | 57,440  | 279      | 46,899       | 41,537  | (5,362)  |
| Visa Cancellations - s501: Character <sup>6,7</sup>        | 1,337          | 954     | (383)    | 770          | 771     | 1        |
| Visa Cancellations - BVE                                   | 232            | 191     | (41)     | 160          | 107     | (53)     |

|  | Financial Year       |                      | Year to Date         |                      |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | As at<br>30-Jun-2017 | As at<br>30-Jun-2018 | As at<br>30-Apr-2018 | As at<br>30-Apr-2019 |
| <b>The SR Population</b>                                     |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Compliance cases managed in the community (BVE) <sup>8</sup> | 11,369               | 12,348               | 11,999               | 13,188               |
|  | As at<br>30-Jun-2017 | As at<br>30-Jun-2018 | As at<br>31-Mar-2018 | As at<br>31-Mar-2019 |
| Compliance cases managed in detention <sup>8</sup>           | 859                  | 975                  | 1,004                | 849                  |
| Estimate of Unlawful Non-Citizens in Australia <sup>9</sup>  | 62,900               | 62,900               |                      |                      |

|  | Financial Year |         |          | Year to Date |         |          |
|--|----------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|
|  | 2016-17        | 2017-18 | Variance | 2017-18      | 2018-19 | Variance |
| <b>Non-citizens leaving the SR Population<sup>10</sup></b> |                |         |          |              |         |          |
| Departures from the Community <sup>11</sup>                | 7,645          | 6,857   | (788)    | 5,740        | 3,400   | (2,340)  |
| Removals from Detention <sup>12</sup>                      | 6,948          | 7,083   | 135      | 5,972        | 4,585   | (1,387)  |

1 Figures for 2018-19 (Jul-Jan) were extracted from Departmental systems on **07 May 2019**. As data has been drawn from a dynamic source, any historical figures provided may differ slightly in previous or future reporting.

2 Figure includes General field actions and Employer Awareness visits. Field Operations activity has focussed on higher threat targets in 2017-18, including businesses and individuals who pose a significant risk to the Australian community. While this has resulted in a slight reduction in overall activity, Field Operations in 2018-19 will continue to focus activity according to the ABF Priorities.

3 Some non-citizens may have been located more than once in any given program year. Each location event is counted.

4 Employer Awareness activities includes field visits and administrative actions - Employer awareness activity statistics are also included as part of 'Field Actions - visited/executed'

5 This does not include all persons entering the SR Population as there are other factors and cohorts that lead into the SR Population aren't reflected

6 The figures include all onshore/offshore visa cancellations. A visa may be recorded as cancelled more than once: An example of a visa being recorded as cancelled more than once is if the visa is cancelled and the cancellation is subsequently revoked or set aside, and then the visa is cancelled again. A cancellation may be revoked or set aside for a number of reasons; including, further legal proceedings and administrative or jurisdictional errors. Duplicates may also exist.

7 s501 visa cancellation statistics have been derived from corporate frozen data and may not match other operational or live reporting. This excludes s501F visa cancellations. These figures have been provided by Complex & Controversial Cases section and was extracted on **07 May 2019**.

8 This figure excludes IMAs, IMA crew, IMA BVEs, Illegal Foreign Fishers and other unauthorised arrivals.

9 Due to data availability this figure can only be provided yearly. There are known errors in the Estimate of UNC and numbers provided are an estimate only and are rounded. The Estimate of UNC is reported annually. No IMA are included in the UNC data

10 Please note that SRS reporting in relation to assisted/managed departures and resolutions populations has changed, due to recently implemented improvements to methodologies for producing these datasets. As a result, historical figures will differ from those previously reported. Figures in this table account for onshore assisted/managed departure only and does not include departures of non-citizens from Offshore Processing Centres.

11 Figures include IMA returns from the community.

12 Figures include IMAs, illegal foreign fishers (IFFs) and border turnarounds (sea and air arrivals who were not immigration cleared).

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# Home Affairs Weekly Statistics

## Temporary Entrants, Migration & Citizenship

Monthly statistics as at COB 30 April 2019 unless specified

### Migration Program<sup>^</sup>

|                                    | Financial Year |                |                 | Year to Date   |                |                 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                    | 2016-17        | 2017-18        | Variance        | 2018-19        | Planning Level | Variance        |
| <b>Migration and Child Program</b> | <b>183,608</b> | <b>162,417</b> | <b>(21,191)</b> | <b>134,330</b> | <b>N/A</b>     | <b>N/A</b>      |
| <b>Migration Program</b>           | <b>180,208</b> | <b>159,067</b> | <b>(21,141)</b> | <b>131,498</b> | <b>155,429</b> | <b>(23,931)</b> |
| Family                             | 56,220         | 47,732         | (8,488)         | 40,327         | 47,833         | (7,506)         |
| Partner                            | 47,825         | 39,799         | (8,026)         | 34,442         | 39,854         | (5,412)         |
| Parents                            | 7,563          | 7,371          | (192)           | 5,446          | 7,229          | (1,783)         |
| Other Family                       | 832            | 562            | (270)           | 439            | 750            | (311)           |
| Skill                              | 123,567        | 111,099        | (12,468)        | 91,072         | 107,125        | (16,053)        |
| Employer-Sponsored                 | 48,250         | 35,528         | (12,722)        | 33,233         | 40,208         | (6,975)         |
| General Skilled                    | 67,857         | 68,111         | 254             | 51,060         | 60,700         | (9,640)         |
| Business Innovation                | 7,260          | 7,260          | 0               | 6,603          | 6,050          | 553             |
| Distinguished Talent               | 200            | 200            | 0               | 176            | 167            | 9               |
| Special Eligibility                | 421            | 236            | (185)           | 99             | 471            | (372)           |
| <b>Child</b>                       | <b>3,400</b>   | <b>3,350</b>   | <b>(50)</b>     | <b>2,832</b>   | <b>N/A</b>     | <b>N/A</b>      |

### Citizenship

|                                  | Financial Year |         |          | Year to Date |         |          |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|
|                                  | 2016-17        | 2017-18 | Variance | 2017-18      | 2018-19 | Variance |
| Citizenship Conferral Lodgements | 203,793        | 239,413 | 35,620   | 179,877      | 110,543 | (69,334) |
| Citizenship Acquisitions         | 139,278        | 80,649  | (58,629) | 67,736       | 101,629 | 33,893   |
| Descent Lodgements               | 21,334         | 20,093  | (1,241)  | 16,785       | 16,647  | (138)    |
| Evidence Lodgements              | 49,157         | 45,199  | (3,958)  | 37,463       | 36,358  | (1,105)  |

### Temporary Visa Grants<sup>\*^</sup>

|                              | Financial Year   |                  |                | Year to Date     |                  |                |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
|                              | 2016-17          | 2017-18          | Variance       | 2017-18          | 2018-19          | Variance       |
| <b>Temporary</b>             | <b>8,411,187</b> | <b>8,694,048</b> | <b>282,861</b> | <b>7,380,110</b> | <b>7,484,784</b> | <b>104,674</b> |
| Crew and Transit             | 352,394          | 351,516          | (878)          | 297,975          | 296,890          | (1,085)        |
| New Zealand                  | 1,921,561        | 1,856,614        | (64,947)       | 1,570,595        | 1,595,904        | 25,309         |
| Other Temporary              | 4,822            | 13,074           | 8,252          | 10,989           | 10,009           | (980)          |
| Student                      | 343,035          | 378,292          | 35,257         | 298,902          | 329,090          | 30,188         |
| Temporary Resident (Other)   | 145,100          | 180,459          | 35,359         | 152,575          | 151,536          | (1,039)        |
| Temporary Resident (Skilled) | 87,580           | 64,470           | (23,110)       | 52,289           | 68,885           | 16,596         |
| Visitor                      | 5,345,684        | 5,639,167        | 293,483        | 4,815,885        | 4,851,608        | 35,723         |
| Working Holiday Maker        | 211,011          | 210,456          | (555)          | 180,900          | 180,862          | (38)           |

\* From 1 July 2017 figures include subclass 773 Border visas.

### Temporary Visa Holders in Australia

|                              | As at            |                  |                | As at            |                  |                |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
|                              | 30-Jun-17        | 30-Jun-18        | Variance       | 30-Apr-18        | 30-Apr-19        | Variance       |
| <b>Temporary</b>             | <b>1,943,130</b> | <b>2,050,232</b> | <b>107,102</b> | <b>2,151,617</b> | <b>2,268,992</b> | <b>117,375</b> |
| Bridging Visa                | 137,420          | 176,216          | 38,796         | 184,191          | 219,059          | 34,868         |
| Crew and Transit             | 13,428           | 13,075           | (353)          | 12,704           | 13,884           | 1,180          |
| New Zealand                  | 665,394          | 673,198          | 7,804          | 671,739          | 674,716          | 2,977          |
| Other Temporary              | 3,760            | 4,691            | 931            | 5,311            | 5,798            | 487            |
| Student                      | 443,798          | 486,934          | 43,136         | 558,186          | 618,855          | 60,669         |
| Temporary Resident (Other)   | 89,280           | 109,730          | 20,450         | 108,380          | 125,662          | 17,282         |
| Temporary Resident (Skilled) | 161,413          | 147,339          | (14,074)       | 154,013          | 150,160          | (3,853)        |
| Visitor                      | 294,368          | 304,140          | 9,772          | 312,450          | 316,189          | 3,739          |
| Working Holiday Maker        | 134,269          | 134,909          | 640            | 144,643          | 144,669          | 26             |

<sup>^</sup>Due to system issues these numbers have been revised

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### Drugs

Drugs

| Detections    | Financial Year |         |          | Year to Date |         |          | s47C, s47E(d) |
|---------------|----------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|---------------|
|               | 2016-17        | 2017-18 | Variance | 2017-18      | 2018-19 | Variance |               |
| s47C, s47E(d) |                |         |          |              |         |          |               |
|               |                |         |          |              |         |          |               |
|               |                |         |          |              |         |          |               |
|               |                |         |          |              |         |          |               |
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\* A detection may be determined from either confirmatory or presumptive tests. This information is sourced from transactional systems.

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<sup>a</sup> Precursor detections refer to detections of chemical substances that are prohibited imports / exports that may be used in the manufacture of illicit drugs. Some precursors detected were likely not intended for the manufacture of illicit drugs but were active ingredients in health supplements, cold and flu preparations, herbal medicines and weight-loss products purchased on the internet.

<sup>b</sup> ATS detections include methamphetamine and amphetamine but excludes MDMA (ecstasy).

<sup>c</sup> PIED detections include steroids, DHEA (dehydroepiandrosterone / prasterone) and hormones.

<sup>d</sup> On 5 September 2015, legislation amendments came into force which allows Border Force officers to search for and seize New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) and Substances Represented as Serious Drug Alternatives (SDA).

Note: Data is taken from live systems and may vary from previously reported figures. Data is typically available 1 month after the end of each reporting period.

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\* Detections of undeclared currency do not include instances of detections under \$10,000; fines issued as well as where no value amounts have been recorded. This information is sourced from transactional systems. The value of detections include all monies on a person such as pockets, wallet, carry-on bags, envelopes and checked-in bags. All foreign currencies are converted to AUD. All amounts are totalled and recorded.

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### Tobacco Detections

|  | Financial Year |  |  | Year to Date |  |  | Preliminary Detections* |
|--|----------------|--|--|--------------|--|--|-------------------------|
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| Total                             |        |         |        |        |         |         |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Number of detections <sup>^</sup> | 61,304 | 112,124 | 50,820 | 58,946 | 243,284 | 184,338 | 14,661 |
| Tobacco (tonnes)                  | 169.13 | 217.90  | 48.77  | 144.66 | 246.49  | 101.83  | 13.39  |
| Cigarette sticks (millions)       | 233.83 | 238.43  | 4.60   | 201.50 | 365.48  | 163.98  | 11.97  |
| Duty Evaded (\$m) (ex GST)        | 268.81 | 356.84  | 88.03  | 263.38 | 549.33  | 285.95  | 24.39  |
| Equivalent Weight (tonnes)**      | 356.19 | 406.45  | 50.26  | 302.13 | 525.03  | 222.89  | 22.37  |

\* Preliminary detections are based on indicative uncleansed data which may be subject to further revision. The figures may not fully reflect detections by the ABF across illicit goods classes as the Department does not currently report on pre or post-border detections.

\*\* Equivalent weight represents the total weight of loose leaf tobacco detections together with the total weight of cigarette sticks (calculated using an average weight per stick).

<sup>^</sup> The number of detections may be more than stated due to current recording practices. For example, one detection could be a 'bin' or a 'pallet' etc.

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### Detections\* of Undeclared Conventional\*\* Firearms, Parts & Accessories

|  | Financial Year |         |          | Year to Date |         |          | s47C, s47E(d) |
|--|----------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|---------------|
|  | 2016-17        | 2017-18 | Variance | 2017-18      | 2018-19 | Variance |               |

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|                            |              |              |            |              |              |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Detections</b>    | <b>1,712</b> | <b>2,011</b> | <b>299</b> | <b>1,687</b> | <b>1,434</b> | <b>(253)</b> |
| Released                   | 1,066        | 985          | (81)       | 943          | 610          | (333)        |
| Re-Exported                | 0            | 2            | 2          | 2            | 2            | 0            |
| Disposed                   | 485          | 172          | (313)      | 259          | 257          | (2)          |
| Still in Store/Transferred | 161          | 852          | 691        | 483          | 565          | 82           |

\* A detection relates to the number of items actually detected. This information is sourced from transactional systems. Undeclared conventional firearms, parts and accessories detections are 'undeclared detections' not 'seizures'. An imported firearm is considered an 'undeclared detection' when it has been detected and identified by the ABF as a prohibited or restricted firearm and where it has not been declared to the ABF in accordance with the import requirements.

\*\* The term 'conventional' firearms excludes firearm categories such as imitations, airguns, BB guns and paintball guns but includes all other firearms.

\*\*\* Preliminary detections are based on indicative uncleansed data which may be subject to further revision. The figures may not fully reflect detections by the ABF across illicit goods classes as the Department does not currently report on pre or post-border detections.

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# Home Affairs Weekly Statistics

## Interventions

Monthly statistics as at COB 30 April 2019 unless specified

### Manage the Lawful Movement of Goods

#### Air Cargo

|                                  | Financial Year |            |           | Year to Date |            |           |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------|
|                                  | 2016-17        | 2017-18    | Variance  | 2017-18      | 2018-19    | Variance  |
| Number of Air Cargo Consignments | 41,882,666     | 50,651,960 | 8,769,294 | 42,371,612   | 44,205,766 | 1,834,154 |
| Import Inspection Rate           | 5.1%           | 3.6%       | (30.3%)   | 3.2%         | 2.3%       | (27.4%)   |
| Inspections                      | 2,132,806      | 1,798,426  | (334,380) | 1,353,155    | 1,025,313  | (327,842) |
| Examinations                     | 74,660         | 117,720    | 43,060    | 93,221       | 72,898     | (20,323)  |
| Detections                       | 5,228          | 9,397      | 4,169     | 5,833        | 7,151      | 1,318     |
| Exam Detection Rate              | 7.0%           | 8.0%       | 14.0%     | 6.3%         | 9.8%       | 56.8%     |

#### Sea Cargo

|                               | Financial Year |           |          | Year to Date |           |          |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------|----------|
|                               | 2016-17        | 2017-18   | Variance | 2017-18      | 2018-19   | Variance |
| Number of Sea Cargo Manifests | 3,180,570      | 3,348,830 | 168,260  | 2,783,099    | 2,843,657 | 60,558   |
| Import Inspection Rate        | 2.7%           | 2.8%      | 4.2%     | 2.9%         | 2.1%      | (25.6%)  |
| Inspections                   | 85,389         | 93,709    | 8,320    | 80,029       | 60,815    | (19,214) |
| Examinations                  | 9,121          | 9,297     | 176      | 7,864        | 6,385     | (1,479)  |
| Detections                    | 950            | 795       | (155)    | 673          | 714       | 41       |
| Exam Detection Rate           | 10.4%          | 8.6%      | (17.9%)  | 8.6%         | 11.2%     | 30.7%    |

#### International Mail\* (as at 31 March 2019)

|                     | Financial Year |          |          | Year to Date |          |          |
|---------------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|
|                     | 2016-17        | 2017-18  | Variance | 2017-18      | 2018-19  | Variance |
| Inspections         | 58.5 (m)       | 54.6 (m) | (3.9 m)  | 41.5 (m)     | 33.2 (m) | (8.3 m)  |
| Examinations        | 227,444        | 262,912  | 35,468   | 186,838      | 180,147  | (6,691)  |
| Detections          | 81,282         | 84,866   | 3,584    | 57,275       | 63,448   | 6,173    |
| Exam Detection Rate | 35.7%          | 32.3%    | (9.7%)   | 30.7%        | 35.2%    | 14.9%    |

#### Travellers

|  | Financial Year    |                   |                  | Year to Date      |                   |                  |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|  | 2016-17           | 2017-18           | Variance         | 2017-18           | 2018-19           | Variance         |
| <b>Total Air Travellers Movements</b>                  | <b>40,856,915</b> | <b>43,176,871</b> | <b>2,319,956</b> | <b>36,470,253</b> | <b>37,814,347</b> | <b>1,344,094</b> |
| Arrivals   | 20,561,763        | 21,711,185        | 1,149,422        | 18,531,240        | 19,208,348        | 677,108          |
| Departures   | 20,295,152        | 21,465,686        | 1,170,534        | 17,939,013        | 18,605,999        | 666,986          |
| <b>Total Automated Border Movements</b>                | <b>24,218,917</b> | <b>25,972,591</b> | <b>1,753,674</b> | <b>21,799,041</b> | <b>23,024,583</b> | <b>1,225,542</b> |
| Automated Border arrivals                              | 9,583,489         | 10,273,025        | 689,536          | 8,698,734         | 9,376,437         | 677,703          |
| Automated Border departures                            | 14,635,428        | 15,699,566        | 1,064,138        | 13,100,307        | 13,648,146        | 547,839          |
| % of travellers cleared within 30 minutes              | 91.0%             | 92.2%             | 1.4%             | 92.0%             | 90.2%             | (2.0%)           |
| Total traveller arrivals refused immigration clearance | 4,132             | 4,584             | 452              | 3,938             | 3,512             | (426)            |
| <b>Interventions</b>                                   |                   |                   |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| Examinations   | 91,108            | 85,569            | (5,539)          | 71,068            | 72,626            | 1,558            |
| Detections   | 10,573            | 10,162            | (411)            | 8,418             | 8,214             | (204)            |
| <b>Total Sea Travellers Movements</b>                  | <b>2,874,697</b>  | <b>2,847,521</b>  | <b>(27,176)</b>  | <b>2,592,115</b>  | <b>2,451,084</b>  | <b>(141,031)</b> |
| Arrivals   | 1,430,192         | 1,417,983         | (12,209)         | 1,293,421         | 1,209,570         | (83,851)         |
| Departures   | 1,444,505         | 1,429,538         | (14,967)         | 1,298,694         | 1,241,514         | (57,180)         |

#### Detector Dog Program

|            | Financial Year |         |          | Year to Date |         |          |
|------------|----------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|
|            | 2016-17        | 2017-18 | Variance | 2017-18      | 2018-19 | Variance |
| Taskings   | 16,186         | 15,626  | (560)    | 13,042       | 11,107  | (1,935)  |
| Detections | 1,974          | 2,550   | 576      | 2,159        | 1,548   | (611)    |

#### Asbestos

|                    | Financial Year |         |          | Year to Date |         |          |
|--------------------|----------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|
|                    | 2016-17        | 2017-18 | Variance | 2017-18      | 2018-19 | Variance |
| Targeted Shipments | 8,643          | 5,132   | (3,511)  | 4,181        | 2,577   | (1,604)  |
| Examinations       | 761            | 376     | (385)    | 328          | 197     | (131)    |
| Detections         | 63             | 70      | 7        | 61           | 23      | (38)     |

\* Preliminary Estimates subject to change

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## Vessel Patrols, Aerial Surveillance & Operations

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### Vessel Patrol Days

|                     | Financial Year |         |          | Year to Date |         |          |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|
|                     | 2016-17        | 2017-18 | Variance | 2017-18      | 2018-19 | Variance |
| ABFC Ocean Shield   | 316            | 321     | 5        | 262          | 238     | (24)     |
| ABFC Thaiyak        | 325            | 311     | (14)     | 265          | 254     | (11)     |
| ABFC Patrol Days    | 1,987          | 2,036   | 49       | 1,721        | 1,356   | (365)    |
| Bay Class           | 327            | 256     | (71)     | 220          | 218     | (2)      |
| Cape Class          | 1,660          | 1,780   | 120      | 1,501        | 1,138   | (363)    |
| Fast Response Boats | N/A            | N/A     | N/A      | N/A          | 242     | N/A      |

### Aircraft Coverage (NM<sup>2</sup>)

|          | Financial Year |            |          | Year to Date |           |           |
|----------|----------------|------------|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
|          | 2016-17        | 2017-18    | Variance | 2017-18      | 2018-19   | Variance  |
| Coverage | 119.15 (m)     | 120.79 (m) | 1.63 (m) | 100.00 (m)   | 98.50 (m) | -1.50 (m) |

### Illegal Foreign Fishers & Vessels

|   | Financial Year |         |          | Year to Date |         |          |
|---|----------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|
|   | 2016-17        | 2017-18 | Variance | 2017-18      | 2018-19 | Variance |
| Illegal Foreign Fishing Vessels Apprehended     | 15             | 14      | (1)      | 11           | 3       | (8)      |
| Illegal Foreign Fishers Apprehended & Processed | 192            | 58      | (134)    | 58           | 24      | (34)     |

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| ALL VISAS BY SUBCLASS   |                             |  |   |   |   |  |  |                         |                                  |                          |  |
|---|-----------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Visa Subclass   | Streams                     | Purpose of visa  | Work Rights   | Global Processing Times - 75th percentile (as at 28 Feb 2019) | Global Processing Times - 90th percentile (as at 28 Feb 2019) | VAC *  | Visa Validity  | Sponsorship/ Nomination | Applications received in 2017-18 | Visas granted in 2017-18 |  |
| TEMPORARY VISA PROGRAM  |                             |  |   |   |   |  |  |                         |                                  |                          |  |
| Visitors & Working Holiday Makers   |                             |  |   |   |   |  |  |                         |                                  |                          |  |
| 600 – Visitor   | Sponsored Family Visitor    | Visit Australia for a visit or for business visitor purposes.  | No work   | 56 days   | 71 days   | \$145  | Up to 12 months  | sponsorship             | 42,260                           | 31,268                   |  |
|   | Business Visitor            |  | No work   | 7 days  | 15 days   | \$145  | Up to 12 months<br>Longer validity in some circumstances   | N/A                     | 261,833                          | 246,850                  |  |
|   | Tourist                     |  | No work   | 19 days   | 27 days   | \$345 if applicant is in Australia<br>\$140 if applicant is outside Australia                              | Up to 12 months<br>Longer validity in some circumstances   | N/A                     | 1,711,133                        | 1,510,779                |  |
|   | Frequent Traveller          | Allows citizens from the People's Republic of China, who travel frequently to Australia for tourism, visiting family or friends or for business visit purposes, apply for a multiple entry Visitor visa for up to 10 years | No work   | 7 days  | 14 days   | \$1,020  | Up to 10 years   | N/A                     | 6,674                            | 6,683                    |  |
|   | Approved Destination Status | Allows a person on a tour with a registered travel agent from Peoples Republic of China to visit Australia.  | No work   | 1 days  | 2 days  | \$140  | Varies depending on length of tour arrangements  | N/A                     | 206,484                          | 205,505                  |  |
| 601 - ETA   | Visitor                     | Visit Australia for a visit or for business visitor purposes.  | No work   | <1 day  |   | NIL<br>\$20 service fee applies for online applications only   | Multiple entry, 3 month stays, valid for 12 months   | N/A                     | 2,555,414                        | 2,553,985                |  |
|   | Business                    |  | No work   | <1 day  |   |  |  |                         | 168,360                          | 168,336                  |  |
| 651 - eVisitor  |                             | Visit Australia for a visit or for business visitor purposes.  | No work   | N/A   | 2 day   | NIL  | Multiple entry, 3 month stays, valid for 12 months   | N/A                     | 901,563                          | 888,780                  |  |
| 676 – Tourist<br>EFFECTIVELY<br>CEASED  |                             |  | No work   | Closed to new applicants                                      |   | \$115<br>additional applicant charge over 18 yrs<br>\$115 additional applicant charge under 18 yrs<br>\$30 | Up to 12 months  | N/A                     | 0                                |                          |  |
| 417 – Working Holiday   | First Working Holiday Visa  | Allows young people (18-30yrs) from certain countries to holiday and work in Australia for up to a year.   | 6 months with any one employer, except where given permission from the Department | 24 days   | 42 days   | \$440 (\$80 Non-Internet Application Charge 417 only)  | 12 months from date of grant.<br>Allows holder to remain in Australia for 12 months from date of first entry on this visa.   | N/A                     | 155,040                          | 152,622                  |  |
|   | Second Working Holiday Visa | For people who have completed three months of specified work in regional Australia while on their first WHM  | 6 months with any one employer, except where given permission from the Department |   |   |  | 12 months from date of grant<br>(or for 24 months from date of first entry into Australia on their WHM1 visa if they were in Australia on WHM1 when applying for W&H2) |                         | 38,198                           | 32,828                   |  |
| 462 – Work & Holiday*   | First Work & Holiday Visa   | Allows young people (18-30yrs) from certain countries to holiday and work in Australia for up to a year.   | 6 months with any one employer, except where given permission from the Department | 44 days   | 80 days   |  | 12 months from date of grant.<br>Allows holder to remain in Australia for 12 months from date of first entry on this visa.   |                         | 21,206                           | 21,667                   |  |
|   | Second Work & Holiday Visa  | For people who have completed three months of specified subclass 462 work in northern Australia while on their first s/c 462 visa  | 6 months with any one employer, except where given permission from the Department |   |   |  | 12 months from date of grant<br>(or for 24 months from date of first entry into Australia on their W&H1 visa if they were in Australia on W&H1 when applying for W&H2) |                         | 3,997                            | 3,339                    |  |
| *Due to high demand for subclass 462 Work and Holiday visas in the period of July - September, global processing times during these months are expected to increase and may exceed 30 days. |                             |  |   |   |   |  |  |                         |                                  |                          |  |
| Students  |                             |  |   |   |   |  |  |                         |                                  |                          |  |

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|--|---------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|-----|---------|---------|
| 476 – Recognised Graduate                    |                           | Allows recent engineering graduates of recognised institutions to gain up to 18 months of skilled work experience in Australia.   | Unlimited   | 7 months   | 9 months  | \$365<br>additional applicant charge over 18 yrs \$185<br>additional applicant charge under 18 yrs \$90<br>Non-internet application fee \$80  | Up to 18 months  | N/A | 4,868   | 2,768   |
| 485 – Temporary Graduate                     | Graduate Work             | Allows international students who have recently graduated from an Australian educational institution to gain work experience in Australia.  | Unlimited   | 4 months   | 5 months  | \$1,500<br>additional applicant charge over 18yrs \$750   | 18 months  |     | 9,534   | 8,149   |
|  | Post Study Work           |   | Unlimited   | 78 days  | 4 months  |   | Up to 4 years  |     | 45,329  | 51,656  |
| 500 – Student Visa                           |                           | Allows students to study full-time in a recognised education institution in Australia.<br><br>Must:<br>Have been accepted to study full-time in a Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) registered course and a registered educational institution in Australia<br>Organise overseas students health insurance (OSHC).<br>Organise appropriate welfare arrangements for the duration of intended stay in Australia if under 18 years of age. | No work permitted for either Primary or Secondary visa holders until the Primary visa holder has commenced their course.<br><br>After course commencement Primary visa holder can work a maximum of 40 hours per fortnight while their course is in session and unlimited hours when their course is out of session.<br><br>After course commencement Secondary visa holders can work a maximum of 40 hours per fortnight at all times.<br><br>For visa holders who have commenced a masters by research or doctoral degree there is no limit on the number of hours they or their family can work in Australia | Higher Education Sector: 17 days<br>Vocational Education and Training Sector: 62 Days<br><br>Independent ELICOS Sector: 30 days<br>Schools Sector: 69 days<br>Postgraduate Research Sector: 60 days<br>Non-Award Sector: 26 days<br>Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector: 22 days | Higher Education Sector: 46 days<br>Vocational Education and Training Sector: 73 days<br><br>Independent ELICOS Sector: 63 days<br>Schools Sector: 4 months<br>Postgraduate Research Sector: 80 days<br>Non-Award Sector: 46 days<br>Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector: 64 days | \$560<br>(Nil for Foreign Affairs or Defence sector)<br><br>Subsequent Temporary Application Charge (student further stay) \$700<br><br>Additional applicant charge 18 and over \$420<br>(Nil for Foreign Affairs, Defence, Postgraduate research sector)<br><br>Additional applicant charge under 18 \$140<br>(Nil for Foreign Affairs, Defence, Postgraduate research sector) | Based on the duration of the course:<br>If longer than 10 months and the course finishes between;<br>Nov-Dec -> visa usually granted to March 15 the following year.<br>Jan - Oct -> visa will usually be granted for two months longer than the duration of course.<br>If ten months or less;<br>Visa will be granted for one month longer that duration of course. | N/A | 413,327 | 377,184 |
| 590 - Student Guardian                       |                           | Allows the guardian of an international student, younger than 18 and studying in Australia on a student visa, to stay in Australia.   | No work rights  | 86 days  | 4 months  | \$560<br>additional applicant charge under 18yrs \$0<br><br>Subsequent Temporary Application Charge (further stay) \$700  | Generally granted for the same period of effect as the nominating student's visa.  | N/A | 2,986   | 2,566   |
| Temporary Work                               |                           |   |   |  |   |   |  |     |         |         |
| 400 - Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) | Highly Specialised Work   | Allows holder to travel to Australia to do short-term, highly specialised, non-ongoing work.  | Primary applicant - condition 8107- must only work in activities stated in the visa application.<br>Dependant applicant not allowed to work   | 20 days  | 23 days   | \$285<br>additional applicant charge over 18yrs \$285<br>additional applicant charge under 18yrs \$75   | Generally up to 3 months, up to 6 months allowed in limited circumstances  | N/A | 47,694  | 44,542  |
|  | Australia's Interest      | Allows holder, in limited circumstances, to participate in an activity or work relating to Australia's interests.   |   |  |   | Nil VAC applies to persons who apply in the course of acting as a representative for a foreign government; and applicants specified in the legislative instrument, eg., major event participants and emergency workers invited by an Australian government  |  |     |         |         |
|  | Foreign Government Agency | Allows a representative of a foreign government who will not be given official status in Australia by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, or a person who is to be employed as a foreign language teacher by a foreign government in an Australian school to come to Australia.  | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.<br>Dependent applicant – unlimited work rights  | Unavailable due to low volume of applications  |   | \$285<br>additional applicant charge over 18yrs \$285<br>additional applicant charge under 18yrs \$75<br>Nil VAC: if holding a diplomatic   | For the period of stay requested + up to 1 month<br>(general max of up to 4 yrs)   | N/A | 572     | 565     |

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|--|--|--|--|--|----------|---|--|---|-------------|--------|-------|
| 403 – Temporary Work (International Relations) | Government Agreement                           | Allows holder to come to Australia under the terms and conditions of a bilateral agreement between the Australian Government or an Australian state or territory government and the government of another country.                                       | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.<br>Dependent applicant – unlimited work rights | 30 days  | 43 days  | official or service passport; and a third person note of support from foreign govt agency   | For the period specified by the Aust or foreign signatory to the agreement (gen max of up to 2 yrs)  | N/A   | 976         | 821    |       |
|  | Domestic Worker (Diplomatic or Consular)       | Allows holder to do domestic work in the household of someone who holds a Diplomatic (Temporary) visa (s/c 995).   | Primary applicant - condition 8110 - must only work in household of employer in relatonto whom the visa was granted.<br>No dependent applicants. | Unavailable due to low volume of applications    |          | \$285<br>Nil VAC if holding a diplomatic, official or service passport; and a third person note of support from foreign govt agency   | 12 months initially, then for the duration of the posting of the current employer as advised by DFAT   |   | 99          | 73     |       |
|  | Privileges & Immunities                        | Allows a person with privileges and immunities under the International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1963 or the Overseas Missions (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1995 to remain in Australia.  | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.<br>Dependent applicant – unlimited work rights | Unavailable due to low volume of applications    |          | NIL   | For the duration of the applicants' status as an international representative  |   | 73          | 39     |       |
|  | Seasonal Worker Programme                      | Allows people from participating countries to work in selected industries in Australia as part of the Seasonal Worker Programme.   | Primary applicant - condition 8577 - must not cease working for sponsor. No dependent applicants.  | 3 days   | 6 days   | \$285   | No legislative limit.<br>Under policy, up to 7 months in any 12 month period<br>(10 months for some country partners)  |   | Sponsorship | 8,540  | 8,459 |
|  | Pacific Labour Scheme                          | Allows holders to come to Australia to work for DFAT endorsed Australian employers who cannot source local labour. Applicants must   | Primary applicant - condition 8577 - must not cease working for sponsor. No dependent applicants.  | Unavailable due to low volume of applications    |          | \$285   | Not exceeding 3 years  |   |             | 0      | 0     |
| 407– Training                                  | Occupational Trainee                           | Allows for people who want to come to Australia on a temporary basis to participate in occupational training or professional development. The occupational training must be provided directly by the sponsor, unless exempt under reg 2.72A(12).         | Must not engage in work other than in relation to their training program   | 64 days  | 88 days  | \$280<br>additional applicant charge over 18yrs \$280<br>additional applicant charge: under 18 yrs \$70<br>Sponsorship: \$420 / Nomination: \$170<br>Subsequent Temporary Application Charge (Applicant in Australia) \$700   | No legislative limit - except for Nomination type 3 - capacity building - overseas qualification (legislates up to six months).<br>For all others, under policy: for duration of training (max stay of 2 years, unless there are exceptional circumstances)  | Sponsorship and Nomination (No nomination required for Commonwealth Organisations)  | 3,232       | 2,886  |       |
| 408– Temporary Activity                        | Invited for Other Social and Cultural Activity | For people who are invited for stays up to 3 months by an organisation operating in Australia to participate in a specific cultural or social event or events. For example, conferences, sporting, religious and other community events.                 | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.<br>Dependent applicant – unlimited work rights | 11 days  | 18 days  | \$285<br>Additional applicant charge: over 18 yrs \$285<br>Additional applicant charge: under 18 yrs \$75<br>Temporary Activities Sponsorship: \$420<br><br>Nil VAC for class of persons specified in a legislative instrument<br><br>\$70 (Partial VAC) for class of persons specified in a legislative instrument. Subsequent Temporary Application Charge (Applicant in Australia) \$700 | This visa allows the holder to:<br>•stay in Australia for the period that aligns with the activities that they have been approved to undertake on this visa. The maximum stay periods allowed are: -Invited participant activity type – up to three months<br>•Australian Government endorsed event activity type – up to four years<br>•Any other activity type – up to two years<br><br>Note: For some activity types such as superyacht crew members and special program participants, the stay period is usually no more than 12 months.<br>Temporary visa holders are generally not able to extend their stay in Australia beyond four years by applying for this visa. | Sponsorship is required for applicants who apply from within Australia, or if the applicant applies from outside Australia and they intend to stay in Australia for more than three months. Applicants are not required to be nominated. (All sponsorship applications are processed in Hobart) | 15,094      | 13,921 |       |
|  | Exchange Arrangements                          | Allows holder to work in a skilled position under a reciprocal staff exchange arrangement to:<br>•give participants an opportunity to experience another culture<br>•enhance international relations<br>•broaden participants' experience and knowledge. | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.<br>Dependent applicant – unlimited work rights | Unavailable due to low volume of applications    |          |   |  |   | 176         | 160    |       |
|  | Sporting Activities                            | Allows holder to: play, coach or instruct or adjudicate under contract to an Australian sporting club or organisation; or participate in a high-level sports training programme.   | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.<br>Dependent applicant – unlimited work rights | 39 days  | 86 days  |   |  |   | 1,419       | 1,178  |       |
|  | Religious Work                                 | Allows holder to travel to Australia to undertake full-time religious work.  | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.<br>Dependent applicant – unlimited work rights | 72 days  | 4 months |   |  |   | 2,342       | 2,247  |       |
|  | Entertainment Activities                       | Allows holder to work in the entertainment industry in film, television or live productions in either a performance or behind-the-scenes   | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.  | 20 days  | 40 days  |   |  |   | 24,493      | 23,379 |       |
|  | Superyacht Crew                                | Allows holder to be employed as a superyacht crew member on board a superyacht in Australia.   | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.<br>Dependent applicant – unlimited work rights | 1 day  | 4 days   |   |  |   | 615         | 608    |       |
|  | Special Programmes                             | Allows holder to participate in an approved special program that provides opportunities for youth exchange, cultural enrichment or   | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.  | 44 days  | 70 days  |   |  |   | 1,802       | 1,760  |       |
|  | Domestic Work for Executives                   | Allows holder to work full time in the household of certain senior foreign executives.   | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.<br>Dependent applicant – unlimited work rights | Unavailable due to low volume of applications    |          |   |  |   | 18          | 16     |       |
|  | Research Activities                            | Allows holder to: participate or observe in an Australian research project after being invited to do so; or undertake a research activity at an Australian tertiary or research institution related to their field of study.                             | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.<br>Dependent applicant – unlimited work rights | 25 days  | 50 days  |   |  |   | 6,411       | 6,208  |       |
|  | Australian Government Endorsed Events          | Allows holder to participate in an Australian government endorsed event (AGEE) (eg. 2018 C'wealth Games)   | Primary applicant – condition 8107 – must only work in activities stated in the visa application.  | Processing times are not available for this visa |          |   |  |   | 15,247      | 14,781 |       |

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| 405 – Investor Retirement  |                               | Visa is for self-funded retirees who have no dependents and want to live in Australia during their retirement years.  | Primary and Dependent applicants - condition 8104 - must not work more than 40 hours per fortnight.   | Closed to new applicants |           | \$330 additional payment over 18yrs \$170 additional payment under 18 yrs \$80<br>Second instalment: \$12,990   | 4 years from date of grant   | Sponsorship                           | 193     | 102   |
| 410 – Retirement   |                               | Allows retirees and their partners who want to spend some of their retirement years in Australia.   | Unlmted work rights for both primary and dependent applicants   | Closed to new applicants |           | \$365 additional applicant charge over 18yrs \$185 additional applicant charge under 18yrs \$90   | Applications made on or after 1 July 2009, the visa period is 10 years from date of visa grant   | N/A                                   | 19      | 14    |
| 457 – Temporary Work (Skilled) - This visa is closed to new applications | Standard Business Sponsorship | Allows a skilled worker to work in their nominated occupation for their approved sponsor.   | Main Applicant: Condition 8107 means that the visa holder must only work in their nominated occupation, and only for the sponsor who nominated the position they are working in. If the primary visa holder ceases employment, the sponsor is legally obligating to notify the Department.<br>Secondary Applicant: There are no work limitations for secondary applicants | 13 months                | 15 months | \$1,080 additional applicant charge over 18yrs \$1,080 additional applicant charge under 18yrs \$270 Subsequent Temporary Application Charge (Applicant in Australia) \$700 | Up to 4 years if the occupation is listed on the Medium and Long-Term Strategic Skills List (MLTSSL) or this period is required due to international trade obligations.<br>Up to 2 years if the occupation is on the Short-Term Skilled Occupation List (STSOL). | Sponsorship and Nomination - Business | 57, 129 | 56447 |
|  | Labour Agreements             | Allows for people to be sponsored by approved businesses where there is a demonstrated need that cannot be met in the Australian labour market and standard migration arrangements are not appropriate. | Main Applicant: Condition 8107 means that the visa holder must only work in their nominated occupation, and only for the sponsor who nominated the position they are working in. If the primary visa holder ceases employment, the sponsor is legally obligating to notify the Department.<br>Secondary Applicant: There are no work limitations for secondary applicants |                          |           |   |  |                                       | 2535    | 2453  |
| 482 – Temporary Skill Shortage visa                                      | Standard Business Sponsorship | Allows a skilled worker to work in their nominated occupation for their approved sponsor.   |   | 39 days                  | 43 days   | \$420   | Up to 4 years if the occupation is listed on the Medium and Long-Term Strategic Skills List (MLTSSL) or this period is required due to international trade obligations.<br>Up to 2 years if the occupation is on the Short-Term Skilled Occupation List (STSOL). | Sponsorship and Nomination - Business | N/A     | N/A   |
|  | Nomination                    | Allows an approved sponsor to nominate an overseas worker for a particular position in their organisation.  |   | 37 days                  | 41 days   | \$330<br>SAF additional costs apply   |  |                                       | N/A     | N/A   |
|  | Labour Agreements             | Allows for people to be sponsored by approved businesses where there is a demonstrated need that cannot be met in the Australian labour market and standard migration arrangements are not appropriate. | Main Applicant: Condition 8607 means that the visa holder must only work in their nominated occupation, and only for the sponsor who nominated the position they are working in. If the primary visa holder ceases employment, the sponsor is legally obligating to notify the Department.<br>Secondary Applicant: There are no work limitations for secondary applicants | 35 days                  | 52 days   | \$2,455 additional applicant charge 18 yrs \$2,455 additional application change under 18yrs \$615 Subsequent application: \$700  |  |                                       | 511     | 200   |
|  | Medium-Term stream            | Allows a person to work for periods of up to four years in occupations listed on the Medium and Long-term Strategic Skills List (MLTSSL) or the Regional Occupation List (ROL) for a TSS visa           | Main Applicant: Condition 8607 means that the visa holder must only work in their nominated occupation, and only for the sponsor who nominated the position they are working in. If the primary visa holder ceases employment, the sponsor is legally obligating to notify the Department.<br>Secondary Applicant: There are no work limitations for secondary applicants | 38 days                  | 66 days   | \$2,455 additional applicant charge 18 yrs \$2,455 additional application change under 18yrs \$615 Subsequent application: \$700  |  |                                       | 9460    | 414   |
|  | Short-Term stream             | Allows a person to work on a temporary basis only in occupations listed on the Short-term Skilled Occupation list (STSOL) for a TSS visa  | Main Applicant: Condition 8607 means that the visa holder must only work in their nominated occupation, and only for the sponsor who nominated the position they are working in. If the primary visa holder ceases employment, the sponsor is legally obligating to notify the Department.<br>Secondary Applicant: There are no work limitations for secondary applicants | 43 days                  | 70 days   | \$1,175 additional applicant charge 18 yrs \$1,175 additional application change under 18yrs \$295 Subsequent application: \$700  |  |                                       | 3637    | 1228  |
| Other Temporary  |                               |   |   |                          |           |   |  |                                       |         |       |
| 010 – Bridging Visa A (BVA)  |                               | Allows holder to remain lawful in Australia while their new substantive visa application is processed.  | Yes - possible if satisfy 'compelling need to work'   |                          |           | NIL   | Variable – until associated substantive visa application is determined, or judicial review   | N/A                                   |         |       |

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| 020 – Bridging Visa B (BVB) |   | Allows holder to lawfully remain in, and leave and re-enter, Australia while their substantive visa application is processed.                             | Yes - possible if satisfy 'compelling need to work' |     | \$145 | proceedings are completed, or a substantive visa is cancelled, or another Bridging Visa is granted, or person departs Australia while BVA or BVC is in effect, or person departs Australia while BVB is in effect after the travel facility period has ended   | N/A |     |     |
| 030 – Bridging Visa C (BVC) |   | Allows holder to stay in Australia lawfully while their substantive visa application is processed.  | Yes - possible if satisfy 'compelling need to work' |     | NIL   |  | N/A |     |     |
| Special Purpose Visa        | Member of the Royal Family & Member of the Royal party  | Visa allows people with a prescribed status or who are declared by the Minister to hold a Special Purpose Visa to lawfully enter and remain in Australia. | Yes - within parameters of visa issuance            | N/A | NIL   |  | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|                             | Guests of Government  |   |   |     |       | Indefinite:<br>will cease when a person no longer belongs to the prescribed class  | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|                             | SOFA forces members, inc civilian component members, Asia-Pacific forces members, Commonwealth forces members, Foreign armed forces dependants, Foreign naval forces members. |   |   |     |       | Indefinite; will cease when a person no longer belongs to the prescribed class, is absent without leave, or performs work in Australia other than work of a kind that he or she normally performs during the course of his or her duties - whichever occurs first  | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|                             | Airline positioning crew members  |   |   |     |       | Will cease after 5 working days beginning when he or she disembarks from the aircraft on which he or she travelled to Australia if and only if he or she:<br>(a) holds a passport that is in force; and<br>(b) carries a letter from his or her employer certifying aircrew status and setting out the purpose of the person's travel to Australia and the arrangements for the person to leave Australia; or<br>when a person no longer belongs to the prescribed class, or performs work in Australia other than work of a kind that he or she normally performs during the course of his or her duties, or breaches Condition 8117 - whichever occurs first | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|                             | Airline crew members  |   |   |     |       | Will cease after 30 working days beginning when he or she disembarks from the aircraft on which he or she travelled to Australia if and only if he or she:<br>(a) holds a passport that is in force; and   | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|                             | Transit without visa passengers   |   |   |     |       | 8 hours; applies to specific nationalities as listed in Instrument (IMM) 15/057, and persons must remain in the airport transit lounge   | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|                             | Persons visiting Macquarie Island   |   |   |     |       | Only while holder remains on Macquarie Island, if the Secretary of the relevant Tasmanian Department responsible for Macquarie Island has granted written permission for the person to visit that island.  | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|                             | Children born in Australia to SPV holder(s)   |   |   |     |       | For as long as either the mother of the child, or parents of the child, hold the relevant prescribed status.   | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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|  | Indonesian traditional fisherman visiting Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands   |  |  |  |   | See Reg. 2.40(16) of the Migration Regulations 1994   | N/A  | N/A   | N/A       |           |
| 444 – Special Category Visa                            |  | Allows New Zealand citizens to visit, study, stay and work in Australia.   | Yes  | N/A as granted by operation of law   |   | NIL   | Indefinitely - provided they remain of good character and are a New Zealand citizen                        | N/A   | 1,856,614 | 1,856,614 |
| 602 - Medical Treatment                                |  | For people to have medical treatment or medical consultations in Australia (with the exception of medical treatment for surrogate motherhood).   | No   | 18 days  | 39 days   | \$290 if applicant is in Australia<br>NIL if applicant is outside Australia   | In Australia: Up to 12 months. Longer validity in some circumstances.<br>Outside Australia: Up to 3 months | N/A   | 3,172     | 2,432     |
| 771 – Transit  |  | Allows a person and their dependent children transit through Australia for no longer than 72 hours.  | No   | 8 days   | 17 days   | NIL   | 72 hours from entry  | N/A   | 64,122    | 62,082    |
| 773 – Border   |  | Persons who arrive in Australia without a valid visa may be invited to apply for this visa whilst in immigration clearance. It can permit a stay of up to 30 days and affords the holder an opportunity to test their eligibility for a further visa, e.g. Resident Return Visa. | Yes - possible   | N/A as granted in clearance (within several hours)   |   | NIL   | Up to 30 days  | N/A   | 7,959     | 7,959     |
| 988 – Maritime Crew                                    |  | Allows foreign crew on non-military ships on international voyages to enter Australia by sea.  | Yes - as crew only   | 2 days   | 14 days   | NIL   | 3 years  | N/A   | 295,150   | 289,434   |
| SKILLED AND FAMILY VISA PROGRAM                        |  |  |  |  |   |   |  |   |           |           |
| Business Innovation and Investment                     |  |  |  |  |   |   |  |   |           |           |
| 132 - Business Talent                                  | Visa holders can operate in Australia under one of two streams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Significant business history (SBH): for high calibre business owners</li><li>Venture capital entrepreneur (VCE): for people who have sources venture capital funding from a member of the Australian Venture Capital Association Limited (AVCAL)</li></ul> | Enables individuals to establish a new - or develop an existing - business in Australia as permanent residents.  | Main Applicant: This is a permanent residence visa.<br>This means the visa holder can work without restriction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SBH: 21 months</li><li>VCE: Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SBH: 22 months</li><li>VCE: Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</li></ul>  | <p><b>\$7290</b><br/>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs <b>\$3645</b><br/>&lt;18yrs <b>\$1820</b></p> <p><u>Second VAC</u><br/>Main applicant: <b>\$9795</b><br/>Secondary applicants: <b>\$4890</b><br/>if applicant does not meet Functional English</p>   | Permanent  | Nominated by an Australian state or territory government agency                                       | 2966      | 1164      |
| 188 - Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) | Visa holders can operate in Australia under one of five streams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Business Innovation Investor</li><li>Significant Investor</li><li>Premium Investor</li><li>Entrepreneur</li></ul>   | Enables individuals to own and manage a business, or conduct investment or entrepreneurial activity in Australia on a temporary basis.   | Main Applicant: This is a temporary visa. It has no work restrictions  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Business Innovation: <b>20</b></li><li>Investor: Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</li><li>Significant Investor: Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</li><li>Premium Investor: Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</li><li>Entrepreneur: Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Business Innovation: <b>21 months</b></li><li>Investor: Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</li><li>Significant Investor: Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</li><li>Premium Investor: Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</li><li>Entrepreneur: Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</li></ul> | <p><b>\$600 - \$8770</b><br/>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs <b>\$300 - \$4385</b><br/>&lt;18yrs <b>\$150 - 2195</b></p> <p><u>Second VAC</u><br/>Main applicant: <b>\$9795</b><br/>Secondary applicants: <b>\$4890</b><br/>if applicant does not meet Functional English</p> <p>Note: this visa has different VACs for each stream</p> | 4 years 3 months<br>This will depend on stream   | Nominated by an Australian state or territory government agency or Austrade (depending on the stream) | 11282     | 6432      |

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| <b>888</b> – Business Innovation and Investment (Permanent)   | <p>Visa holders can operate in Australia under one of five streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Innovation</li> <li>• Investor</li> <li>• Significant Investor</li> <li>• Premium Investor</li> <li>• Entrepreneur</li> </ul> | Enables individuals to continue to own and manage a business, or conduct investment or entrepreneurial activity in Australia as permanent residents.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Innovation: <b>10 months.</b></li> <li>• Investor: <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</i></li> <li>• Significant Investor: <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</i></li> <li>• Premium Investor: <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</i></li> <li>• Entrepreneur: <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Innovation: <b>11 months.</b></li> <li>• Investor: <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</i></li> <li>• Significant Investor: <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</i></li> <li>• Premium Investor: <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</i></li> <li>• Entrepreneur: <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications.</i></li> </ul> | <p><b>\$2405</b></p> <p>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs <b>\$1205</b><br/>&lt;18yrs <b>\$600</b></p> <p><b>Second VAC: \$4890</b></p> <p>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English</p> <p><i>Note: this visa has different VACs for each stream</i></p> | Permanent           | Nominated by an Australian state or territory government agency or Austrade (depending on the stream)   | <b>2557</b>  | <b>941</b>   |
| <b>890</b> – Business Owner   |   | Enables individuals to continue to own and operate a business in Australia as permanent residents.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction  | <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications. *</i>  | <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications. *</i>  | <p><b>\$2275</b></p> <p>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs <b>\$1135</b><br/>&lt;18yrs <b>\$570</b></p> <p><b>Second VAC: \$4890</b></p> <p>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English</p>  | Permanent           | N/A   | <b>309</b>   | <b>452</b>   |
| <b>891</b> – Investor   |   | Enables individuals to continue to invest in Australia as permanent residents.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction  | <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications. *</i>  | <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications. *</i>  | <p><b>\$2275</b></p> <p>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs <b>\$1135</b><br/>&lt;18yrs <b>\$570</b></p> <p><b>Second VAC: \$4890</b></p> <p>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English</p>  | Permanent           | N/A   | '<5          | <b>N/A</b>   |
| <b>892</b> – State/territory Sponsored Business Owner   |   | Enables individuals to continue to own and operate a business in Australia as permanent residents.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction  | <b>21 months</b>   | <b>23 months</b>   | <p><b>\$2275</b></p> <p>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs <b>\$1135</b><br/>&lt;18yrs <b>\$570</b></p> <p><b>Second VAC: \$4890</b></p> <p>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English</p>  | Permanent           | Sponsored by state or territory government  | <b>1090</b>  | <b>2147</b>  |
| <b>893</b> – State/territory Sponsored Investor   |   | Enables individuals to continue to invest in Australia as permanent residents.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction  | <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications. *</i>  | <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications. *</i>  | <p><b>\$2275</b></p> <p>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs <b>\$1135</b><br/>&lt;18yrs <b>\$570</b></p> <p><b>Second VAC: \$4890</b></p> <p>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English</p>  | Permanent           | Sponsored by state or territory government  | <b>305</b>   | <b>278</b>   |
| <b>Permanent Employer Sponsored Entry</b>   |   |   |   |  |  |   |                     |   |              |              |
| <b>186</b> – Employer Nomination Scheme   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary residence transition (TRT)</li> <li>• Direct entry</li> <li>• Labour agreement</li> </ul>  | <p>Enables skilled workers to live and work in Australia as permanent residents.</p> <p>Visa holders can work in Australia under one of three streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary residence transition (TRT)</li> <li>• Direct entry</li> <li>• Labour agreement</li> </ul> | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction. <i>However the primary applicant is expected to remain in the nominated position for the full two years</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRT: <b>12 months</b></li> <li>• Direct entry: <b>12 months</b></li> <li>• Labour agreement: <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications*</i></li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRT: <b>13 months</b></li> <li>• Direct entry: <b>13 months</b></li> <li>• Labour agreement: <i>Unavailable due to low volume of applications*</i></li> </ul>   | <p><b>\$3755</b></p> <p>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs <b>\$1875</b><br/>&lt;18yrs <b>\$940</b></p> <p><b>Second VAC: \$9800</b></p> <p>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English</p>  | Permanent           | Nominated by an approved Australian employer  | <b>34966</b> | <b>29520</b> |
| <b>187</b> – Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (Closes to new applications in the DE stream on 16 Nov 2019, except for a transitional cohort) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary residence transition (TRT)</li> <li>• Direct entry</li> </ul>  | <p>Enables skilled workers to live and work in regional Australia as permanent residents.</p> <p>Visa holders can work in Australia under one of two streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary residence transition (TRT)</li> <li>• Direct entry</li> </ul>                      | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction. <i>However the primary applicant is expected to remain in the nominated position for the full two years</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRT: <b>12 months</b></li> <li>• Direct entry: <b>21 months</b></li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRT: <b>21 months</b></li> <li>• Direct entry: <b>24 months</b></li> </ul>  | <p><b>\$3755</b></p> <p>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs <b>\$1875</b><br/>&lt;18yrs <b>\$940</b></p> <p><b>Second VAC: \$9800</b></p> <p>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English</p>  | Permanent           | Nominated by an approved Australian employer for a job located in regional Australia (excluding Gold Coast, Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney, Wollongong or Melbourne) | <b>17003</b> | <b>6276</b>  |
|   | Nomination  | Allows an approved sponsor (SBS or party to a Labour Agreement) to nominate an overseas worker for a particular position in their organisation.   |   | N/A  | N/A  | <p>No nomination fee</p> <p>SAF levy applies:<br/>\$3000 (turnover less than \$10 million)<br/>\$5000 (turnover \$10 million or more)</p>   | Temporary (5 years) | N/A   | <b>N/A</b>   |              |

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| <b>494 - Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional)</b><br>(new subclass, commences on 16 Nov 2019)                       | Employer Sponsored | Enables skilled workers to live, and work in their nominated occupation for their approved sponsor (who is a SBS), in regional Australia for up to 5 years.  | <b>Primary applicant</b> must only work in nominated occupation for approved sponsor.<br><br><b>All applicants:</b><br>- must live work and study only in a regional area<br>- notify immigration of change in specific circumstances<br>- must provide evidence of specific addresses if requested<br>- must attend interview if requested | N/A                                    | N/A                                     | <b>\$3755</b><br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs <b>\$1875</b><br><18yrs <b>\$940</b><br><br>Second VAC: <b>\$9800</b><br>if primary applicant does not meet Functional English<br>Second VAC: <b>\$4890</b><br>if any adult secondary applicant does not meet Functional English | Temporary (5 years)   | Nominated by an approved Australian Standard Business sponsor (see 482 program) for a job located in regional Australia                          | N/A   | N/A   |
|  | Labour Agreements  | Enables skilled workers to live, and work in their nominated occupation for their approved sponsor( who is a party to a Labour Agreement that authorises 494 visas), in regional Australia for up to 5 years.  |   | N/A                                    | N/A                                     |   | Temporary (5 years)   | Nominated by a party to a Labour Agreement that authorises 494 visas, for a job located in regional Australia                                    | N/A   | N/A   |
| General Skilled Migration  |                    |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |       |       |
| <b>189 - Skilled Independent visa (NZ Stream)</b>  |                    | Enables certain Special Category (subclass 444) visa holders, who meet residence and contribution to Australia requirements to become permanent residents  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction  | 10 months                              | 16 months                               | <b>\$3750</b><br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs <b>\$1875</b><br><18yrs <b>\$945</b><br><br><i>20% of application fee is paid at lodgement, with the remaining 80% paid at time of grant</i>   | Permanent   | N/A  | 11614 | 4620  |
| <b>189 - Skilled Independent</b>   |                    | Enables points-tested skilled workers who are not sponsored by an employer or family member, or nominated by a state or territory government to live and work in Australia as permanent residents.   | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction  | 6 months                               | 7 months                                | <b>\$3755</b><br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs <b>\$1875</b><br><18yrs <b>\$940</b><br><br>Second VAC: <b>\$4885</b><br>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English   | Permanent   | N/A  | 23493 | 34590 |
| <b>190 - Skilled Nominated</b>   |                    | Enables skilled workers who are nominated by an Australian state or territory government live and work in Australia as permanent residents.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction  | 9 months                               | 11 months                               | <b>\$3755</b><br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs <b>\$1875</b><br><18yrs <b>\$940</b><br><br>Second VAC: <b>\$4885</b><br>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English   | Permanent   | Nominated by an Australian state or territory government agency  | 21635 | 20773 |
| <b>489 - Skilled Regional Sponsored (Provisional)</b> - invited pathway (this pathway closes to new applications on 16 Nov 2019) |                    | Enables skilled workers to live and work in regional or low population-growth metropolitan areas of Australia for up to 4 years.<br><br>There are three pathways to the visa:<br>• Extended stay (below)<br>• Invited<br>• Subsequent entry (below)  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is not a permanent residence visa. The main applicant must live, work and study in a specified region of Australia.   | 8 months (State / Territory Nominated) | 12 months (State / Territory Nominated) | <b>\$3755</b><br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs <b>\$1875</b><br><18yrs <b>\$940</b><br><br>Second VAC: <b>\$4890</b><br>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English   | Temporary<br>Up to 4 years                                    | Nominated by an Australian state or territory government agency or sponsored by an eligible family member residing in a designated regional area | 10519 | 8603  |
| <b>489 - Skilled Regional Sponsored (Provisional)</b> - extended stay pathway  |                    | Enables skilled workers to live and work in regional or low population-growth metropolitan areas of Australia for up to 4 years when they have previously held one of the eligible visas.<br><br>There are three pathways to the visa:<br>• Extended stay<br>• Invited (above)<br>• Subsequent entry (below) | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is not a permanent residence visa. The main applicant must live, work and study in a specified region of Australia.   |  |   | <b>\$335</b><br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs <b>\$165</b><br><18yrs <b>\$85</b>  | Temporary<br>Up to 4 years                                    | N/A  |       |       |
| <b>489 - Skilled Regional Sponsored (Provisional)</b> - subsequent entry pathway   |                    | Enables skilled workers to live and work in regional or low population-growth metropolitan areas of Australia for up to 4 years.<br><br>There are three pathways to the visa:<br>• Extended stay (above)<br>• Invited (above)<br>• Subsequent entry  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is not a permanent residence visa. The main applicant must live, work and study in a specified region of Australia.   |  |   | <b>\$3755</b><br>if family member was an invited pathway applicant<br><br><b>\$335</b><br>if family member was an extended stay pathway applicant<br><br>Second VAC (>18yrs): <b>\$4890</b><br>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English                            | Temporary<br>Until the primary visa of the family member ends |  |       |       |

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| <b>491 - Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)</b><br><br>(new subclass, commences on 16 Nov 2019) |  | Enables skilled workers to live and work in regional areas of Australia for up to 5 years.<br><br>There are two pathways to the visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>State / Territory nominated</li><li>Family sponsored</li></ul> | <b>All applicants:</b><br>- must live work and study only in a regional area<br>- notify immigration of change in specific circumstances<br>- must provide evidence of specific addresses if requested<br>- must attend interview if requested | N/A  | N/A  | <b>\$3755</b><br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs <b>\$1875</b><br><18yrs <b>\$940</b><br><br>Second VAC: <b>\$4890</b><br>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English   | Temporary (5 years)   | Nominated by an Australian state or territory government agency or sponsored by an eligible family member residing in a designated regional area |        |        |
| <b>887 - Skilled Regional</b>  |  | Enables individuals who have lived and worked in specified areas of regional Australia to live and work in Australia as permanent residents.   | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction   | 15 months  | 16 months  | <b>\$385</b><br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs <b>\$195</b><br><18yrs <b>\$100</b><br><br>Second VAC: <b>\$4890</b><br>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English   | Permanent   | N/A  | 7181   | 5068   |
| <b>Distinguished Talent</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |  |        |        |
| <b>124 - Distinguished Talent</b>  |  | Enables individuals with a distinguished talent to live in Australia as a permanent resident.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction   | Unavailable due to low volume of applications. * | Unavailable due to low volume of applications. * | <b>\$3810</b><br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs <b>\$1910</b><br><18yrs <b>\$955</b><br><br>Second VAC: <b>\$4890</b><br>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English   | Permanent   | Nominated by and Australian organisation or Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen                               | 128    | 110    |
| <b>858 - Distinguished Talent</b>  |  | Enables individuals with a distinguished talent to live in Australia as permanent residents.   | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction   | Unavailable due to low volume of applications. * | Unavailable due to low volume of applications. * | <b>\$3810</b><br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs <b>\$1910</b><br><18yrs <b>\$955</b><br><br>Second VAC: <b>\$4890</b><br>if any adult applicant does not meet Functional English   | Permanent   | Nominated by and Australian organisation or Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen                               | 239    | 96     |
| <b>Partner Migration</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |  |        |        |
| <b>309 - Provisional Partner Visa</b>  |  | Enables partners of eligible sponsors to remain in Australia on the basis of their married or de facto relationship on a provisional basis. This visa is the first stage towards a Permanent Partner visa (subclass 100)                   | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a temporary visa. It has no work restrictions   | 14 months  | 20 months  | There is no fee payable. The visa application fee is attached to the Permanent Partner visa (subclass 100). However, as the applicant applies on the same form at the same time for both visas, the applicant must pay the subclass 100 visa application fee at the time the combined subclass 309/100 application is made. | Temporary<br><i>visa lasts from the date it is granted until a decision is made on permanent Partner visa (subclass 801).</i> | Sponsored by an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen   | 20,885 | 17,446 |
| <b>100- Partner Visa</b>   |  | Enables partners of eligible sponsors to remain in Australia on the basis of their married or de facto relationship as permanent residents   | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction   | 20 months  | 37 months  | <b>\$7160</b><br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs <b>\$3585</b><br><18yrs <b>\$1795</b>  | Permanent   | Sponsored by an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen   | 20,760 | 24,846 |
| <b>820 - Partner Temporary Visa</b>  |  | Enables partners of eligible sponsors to remain in Australia on the basis of their married or de facto relationship on a provisional basis. This visa is the first stage towards a Permanent Partner visa (subclass 801).                  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a temporary visa. It has no work restrictions   | 21 months  | 28 months  | There is no fee payable. The visa application fee is attached to the Permanent Partner visa (subclass 801). However, as the applicant applies on the same form at the same time for both visas, the applicant must pay the subclass 801 visa application fee at the time the combined subclass 820/801 application is made. | Temporary<br><i>visa lasts from the date it is granted until a decision is made on permanent Partner visa (subclass 801)</i>  | Sponsored by an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen   | 32,284 | 23,439 |

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| 801 - Partner Visa                    |  | Enables partners of eligible sponsors to remain in Australia on the basis of their married or de facto relationship as permanent residents   | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | 19 months   | 24 months   | <p>For a holder of a Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa:</p> <p>\$1195<br/>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs \$600<br/>&lt;18yrs \$295</p> <p>For a former holder of a Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa who is not a holder of a substantive visa:</p> <p>\$1510<br/>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs \$755<br/>&lt;18yrs \$380</p> <p>For any other applicant:</p> <p>\$7160<br/>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs \$3585<br/>&lt;18yrs \$1795</p> | Permanent  | Sponsored by an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen.                                     | 32,284 | 26,894 |
| 300 - Prospective Marriage Visa       |  | Enables people to come to Australia to marry and live with their prospective spouse  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a temporary visa. It has no work restrictions                                       | 15 months   | 21 months   | <p>\$7160<br/>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs \$3585<br/>&lt;18yrs \$1795</p>  | Temporary<br><i>The visa lasts 9 months from the date it is granted. It cannot be extended</i> | Sponsored by a partner you intend to marry who is an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand Citizen | 3975   | 3130   |
| Parent, Child and Other Family        |  |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |        |        |
| 101 - Child (Offshore)                |  | Enables a child to enter and live in Australia indefinitely with their parent, who is usually also their sponsor   | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | 10 months   | 18 months   | <p>\$2,470<br/>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs \$1235<br/>&lt;18yrs \$620</p>  | Permanent  | Sponsored by an eligible parent or that parent's cohabiting spouse/de facto partner   | 2,436  | 2,156  |
| 802- Child Visa (Onshore)             |  | Enables a child to enter and live in Australia indefinitely with their parent, who is usually also their sponsor   | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | 12 months   | 15 months   | <p>\$2,470<br/>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs \$1235<br/>&lt;18yrs \$620</p>  | Permanent  | Sponsored by an eligible parent or that parent's cohabiting spouse/de facto partner   | 915    | 522    |
| 445 - Dependent Child Visa            |  | Enables a child to be added to their parent's permanent Partner visa application after a temporary Partner visa has been granted to their parent.                                      | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a temporary visa. It has no work restrictions                                       | 10 months   | 18 months   | <p>\$2,470<br/>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs \$1235<br/>&lt;18yrs \$620</p>  | Temporary<br><i>Valid until a decision is made on the permanent Partner Visa application</i>   | Sponsored by the same person who is sponsoring their parent for their permanent partner visa.                               | 653    | 591    |
| 102 - Adoption Visa                   |  | Enables adopted children to enter and live in Australia indefinitely with their adoptive parents (or prospective adoptive parents).  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Unavailable due to low volume of applications. *  | Unavailable due to low volume of applications. *  | <p>\$2,470<br/>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs \$1235<br/>&lt;18yrs \$620</p>  | Permanent  | Sponsored by an adoptive parent or prospective adoptive parent  | 182    | 122    |
| 103 - Parent Visa (Offshore)          |  | Enables parents of a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen to live in Australia permanently.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | <p>\$4,035<br/>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs \$2020<br/>&lt;18yrs \$1010</p>   | Permanent  | Sponsored by a child who is a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen                | 918    | 1,310  |
| 804 - Aged Parent Visa (Onshore)      |  | Enables parents of a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen to live in Australia permanently.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | <p>\$4,035<br/>additional applicant:<br/>&gt;18yrs \$2020<br/>&lt;18yrs \$1010</p>   | Permanent  | Sponsored by a child who is a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen                | 1,047  | 48     |
| 870 - Sponsored Parent Temporary Visa |  | Once a sponsorship application has been approved, a sponsored parent will be able to apply for a Sponsored Parent Temporary visa. Applications for the visa will open from 1 July 2019 | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a temporary visa. The visa holder cannot work in Australia.                         | N/A   | N/A   | Sponsorship \$420 Visa Up to 3 years \$5,000 Up to 5 years \$10,000  | Temporary  | Sponsored by a child who is a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen                | N/A    | N/A    |



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| 884 - Aged Parent Visa (Onshore) Temporary    |  | Enables parents to pay a higher visa fee and live in Australia for 2 years; this is part of a two-stage process which provides a pathway to a permanent visa. | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a temporary visa. It has no work restrictions                                       | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | \$3,855 additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$1925<br><18yrs \$965<br><br>Second VAC:<br>>18yrs \$29,130<br>< 18yrs \$2095   | Temporary<br><i>Valid for two years</i> | Sponsored by a child who is a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen          | 42     | 13    |
| 864 - Aged Parent Visa (Onshore) Permanent    |  | Enables parents to pay a higher visa fee for faster processing to live in Australia.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | \$3,855 additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$1925<br><18yrs \$965<br><br>Second VAC:<br>>18yrs \$43,600<br>< 18yrs \$2095<br><i>Subclass 884 visa holder will pay a smaller VAC</i> | Permanent                               | Sponsored by a child who is a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen          | 803    | 321   |
| 173 - Contributory Parent Visa Temporary      |  | Enables parents to pay a higher visa fee and live in Australia for 2 years; this is part of a two-stage process which provides a pathway to a permanent visa. | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a temporary visa. It has no work restrictions                                       | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | \$2595 additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$1300<br><18yrs \$650<br><br>Second VAC:<br>>18yrs \$29,130<br>< 18yrs \$2095  | Temporary<br><i>Valid for two years</i> | Sponsored by a child who is a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen          | 479    | 572   |
| 143 - Contributory Parent Visa Permanent      |  | Enables parents to pay a higher visa fee for faster processing to live in Australia.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | \$3,855 additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$1300<br><18yrs \$650<br><br>Second VAC:<br>>18yrs \$43,600<br>< 18yrs \$2095<br><i>Subclass 173 visa holder will pay a smaller VAC</i> | Permanent                               | Sponsored by a child who is a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen          | 10,301 | 5,692 |
| 114 - Aged Dependent Relative Visa (Offshore) |  | Enables aged people to move to Australia if they are financially dependent on an eligible relative  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | \$4,035 additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$2020<br><18yrs \$1010<br><br>Second VAC: \$2,065   | Permanent                               | Sponsored by a relative who is a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen       | 7      | <5    |
| 838 - Aged Dependent Relative Visa (Onshore)  |  | Enables aged people to move to Australia if they are financially dependent on an eligible relative  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | \$4,035 additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$2020<br><18yrs \$1010<br><br>Second VAC: \$2,065   | Permanent                               | Sponsored by a relative who is a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen       | 51     |       |
| 116 - Carer Visa (Offshore)                   |  | Enables people to enter Australia and provide care for an eligible relative.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | \$1,665 additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$835<br><18yrs \$415<br><br>Second VAC: \$2,065   | Permanent                               | Sponsored by a relative (or their partner) who requires assistance due to a long-term or permanent medical condition. | 625    |       |
| 836 - Carer Visa (Onshore)                    |  | Enables people to enter Australia and provide care for an eligible relative.  | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | \$1,665 additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$835<br><18yrs \$415<br><br>Second VAC: \$2,065   | Permanent                               | Sponsored by a relative (or their partner) who requires assistance due to a long-term or permanent medical condition. | 351    |       |
| 117 - Orphan Relative Visa (Offshore)         |  | Enables an orphan child to move to Australia to live with their sponsoring relative   | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | \$1,510 additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$755<br><18yrs \$380  | Permanent                               | Sponsored by a relative who is a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen       | 453    |       |

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| 837 - Orphan Relative Visa (Onshore)               |  | Enables an orphan child to move to Australia to live with their sponsoring relative      | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | \$1,510<br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$755<br><18yrs \$380  | Permanent  | Sponsored by a relative who is a settled Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen  | 17      | 6       |
| 115 - Remaining Relative Visa (Offshore)           |  | Enables people to move to Australia to be with their only near relatives.                | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | \$4,035<br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$2,020<br><18yrs \$1,010<br><br>Second VAC: \$2,065   | Permanent  | Sponsored by only near relatives live in Australia and are settled Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents or eligible New Zealand citizens and are usually resident in Australia. | 290     | 52      |
| 835 - Remaining Relative Visa (Onshore)            |  | Enables people to move to Australia to be with their only near relatives.                | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | Global processing times for this visa are unavailable as applications are capped and queued | \$4,035<br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$2,020<br><18yrs \$1,010<br><br>Second VAC: \$2,065   | Permanent  | Sponsored by only near relatives live in Australia and are settled Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents or eligible New Zealand citizens and are usually resident in Australia. | 257     | <5      |
| 461 - New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship Visa |  | Enables family member of a New Zealand citizen to live and work in Australia temporarily | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a temporary visa. It has no work restrictions                                       | 21 months   | 25 months   | \$340<br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$170<br><18yrs \$85   | Temporary<br><i>five years validity</i>  | N/A  | 2742    | 1036    |
| Resident Return                                    |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |         |         |
| 155 - Resident Return Visa                         |  | Enables permanent residents to travel in and out of Australia                            | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | 2 days  | 67 days   | \$375 (non-internet additional charge of \$80 may apply)  | Permanent<br><i>Travel validity is only for 5 years if residence requirement is met, or 1 year if substantial ties met</i> | N/A  | 169,031 | 154,387 |
| 151 - Former Resident Visa                         |  | Enables former permanent residents to enter and live in Australia                        | <b>Main Applicant:</b> This is a permanent residence visa. This means the visa holder can work without restriction | Unavailable due to low volume of applications*  | Unavailable due to low volume of applications*  | NOTE: this visa is mainly granted through Ministerial Intervention and may not require a VAC to be paid \$3,670<br>additional applicant:<br>>18yrs \$1,835<br><18yrs \$920<br><br>Second VAC: \$4,890 if any adult applicant is assessed as not having functional english | Permanent  | N/A  | 267     | 280     |



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# Purpose of this background paper

1. This paper has been produced to help external stakeholders understand how the Department of Home Affairs administers Australia's Immigration Program, complementing existing publicly available sources. The paper outlines how the combined factors of **large scale growth in the movement of people across borders** and the **changing threat environment** over the past two decades have necessitated a shift in approach to the administration of the Immigration Program to ensure it continues to support Australia's security, economic and social cohesion objectives now and into the future.

## Introduction

2. Immigration is central to our national story. From a population of around 7 million people after the Second World War, Australia has grown to a nation of more than 25 million people in 2019. The Immigration Program has played a core role in that nation building. The Immigration Program comprises temporary visas, the Migration and Child Program, and the Humanitarian Program and is closely aligned with the Australian Citizenship Program.
3. Effective administration of the Immigration Program is central to maintaining Australia's sovereignty, economic prosperity, community safety and its place as one of the most peaceful, united and culturally diverse countries in the world. Our people-to-people links provide tremendous opportunities and benefits to Australia and help to shape the perception of Australia around the world.
4. Since the dismantling of the White Australia policy in the early 1970s, Australia's Immigration Program has been based around a universal, non-discriminatory visa system, which focuses on the contribution a person can make to Australia rather than their ethnicity, gender or religious beliefs. Australia enjoys high levels of social cohesion and broad public support for its Immigration Programs. This is in part based around confidence in well-managed non-discriminatory migration.
5. Administration of the Immigration Program involves dual, but equally important and complementary, objectives:
  - to facilitate the entry and stay of those who legitimately seek to visit, study, work (in roles that aren't able to be filled locally, or which would build our national capability and increase competitiveness) or to migrate; and
  - to prevent entry or stay by those who disguise their true identity or intentions or otherwise pose a risk to the security or safety of our community, or to our national interest.
6. The systems, processes and capabilities required to achieve effective facilitation, counter threats and mitigate risk must be as dynamic as the changing global environment in which the Department of Home Affairs operates.

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# Responding to Australia's increased connection to the world and the movement of people

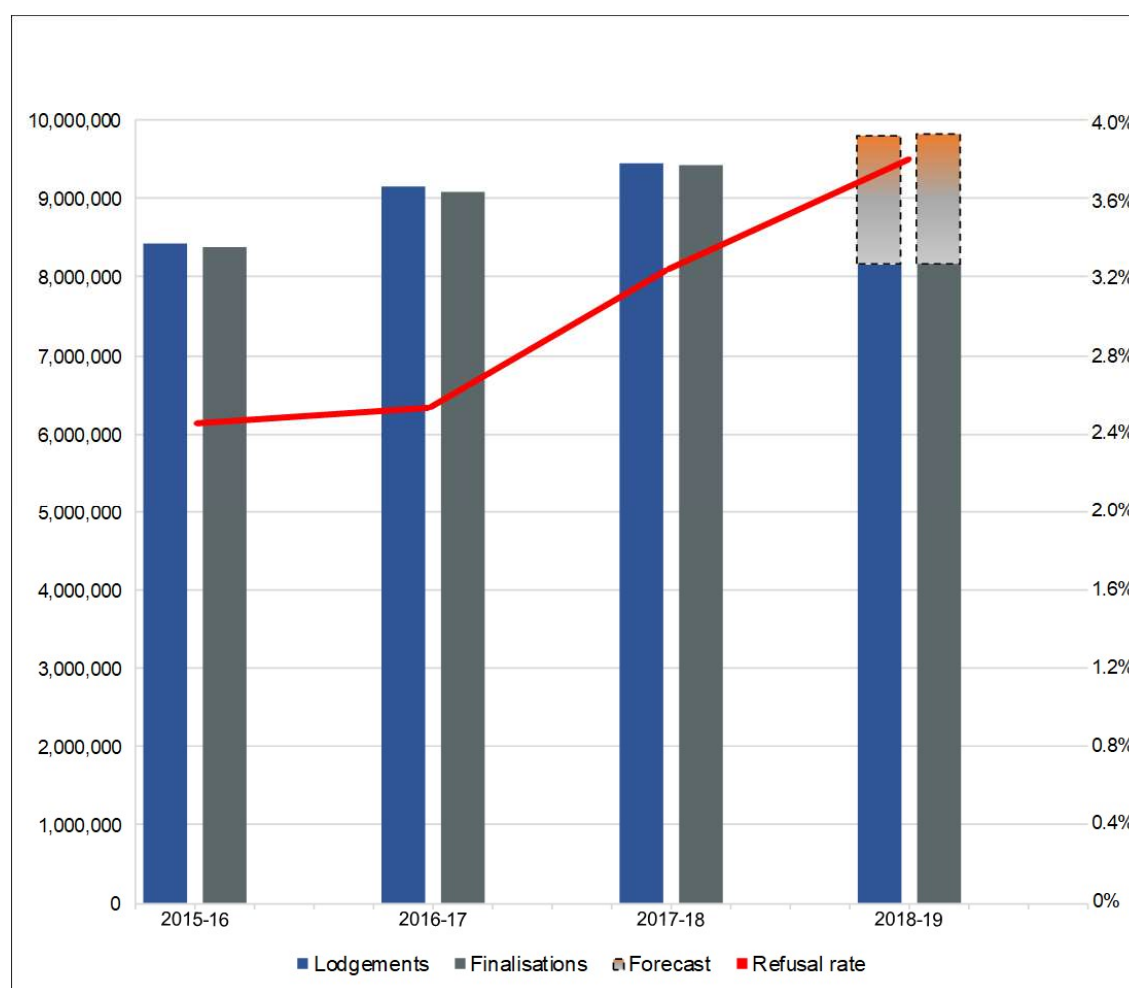
7. The department of state responsible for the administration of the Immigration Program—which has existed in various guises since 1945—has long had to manage volume growth as the number of people seeking to come to Australia has increased. Innovation and technology have become increasingly important for the Department to expand its capacity to process the large numbers of migrants and travellers to Australia and respond to increased public expectation of digital government service delivery.
8. In response to pressure to make international travel easier, in 1996 the Department introduced the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) system. This system removed the need for paper application forms and the need for visa labels and allowed an electronically stored authority to immediately issue visas permitting entry to Australia for visitors from 33 eligible nationalities deemed to be 'low risk'. This system collected very little information about applicants and relied on a watch-list of persons and travel documents of concern called the Movement Alert List (later Central Movement Alert List). Provided the individual had a valid passport from an eligible nationality, fell within pre-determined parameters and there was no adverse match to the Movement Alert List, an ETA was automatically system-granted.
9. Since that time, the Department has continued to innovate to enable greater and more facilitated client access to visa services. This has included rolling out service delivery partner (SDP) arrangements that provide assisted visa application lodgement services in many locations around the world. Currently, SDPs manage Australian Visa Application Centres in 96 locations across 54 countries, with biometrics collected in 70 locations across 43 countries. SDPs also perform administrative tasks on behalf of the Department. These arrangements have been a key driver of client service improvements and departmental business process efficiencies.
10. In addition, the Department has expanded online visa and Australian citizenship application lodgement channels. Individuals and businesses are able to access services and tools that enable them to lodge, track, manage and pay for a wide range of visa and citizenship applications online. A range of enhancements have been implemented including automated reminders for clients, improved document upload, mobile device optimisation, verification of email addresses and improved processes for clients to identify the next actions required in the application process. More recent online applications have collected more information about applicants and have referenced expanded risk systems to support better risk assessment.
11. A redesigned website, implemented in late 2018, is making it easier for clients to identify their visa options and make an application online, leading to a 10.4 per cent increase in visits to the website since that time and a 32 per cent increase in applications lodged through our digital front-door, ImmiAccount, over the 12 months to 30 April 2019. As at 30 April 2019 more than 8.32 million accounts have been created with over 8.24 million private accounts and more than 79,000 organisational accounts. A new appointment-only model, introduced for those clients who need to be seen by a departmental officer has significantly reduced client wait times. For the period 1 July to 13 May 2019, the proportion of calls answered by our call centres has increased significantly, leading to a 74 per cent reduction in abandoned calls and a 54 per cent reduction in call centre-related complaints compared to the same period last financial year.

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# Managing growth

12. The total number of non-humanitarian visa applications lodged by people seeking to enter or remain in Australia has grown markedly in recent years. From 2015-16 to 2017-18, visa application lodgements in the temporary and permanent visa programs have increased by 1 million or 12.1 per cent. In 2018-19, the Department is expecting to receive over 9.7 million visa applications ([Figure 1](#) refers).
13. All applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis against relevant program criteria. The Department strives to assess applications as efficiently and effectively as possible. The time taken is driven by a range of factors including the volume of applications received, the quality and completeness of those applications, how promptly applicants respond to requests for information and the level of complexity involved in the assessment of genuineness, character and security requirements.
14. Processing times are also impacted by the demand for certain visa categories and the number of places available if the category is capped at a particular level. The *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) allows the Minister, by way of legislative instrument, to 'cap' or limit the number of certain visas that may be granted in a program year which ensures that the planning levels decided by the Government each year are not exceeded.

**Figure 1:** Total non-humanitarian visa program trends: 2015-16 to 2018-19 (including forecast from 30 April 2019– 30 June 2019)

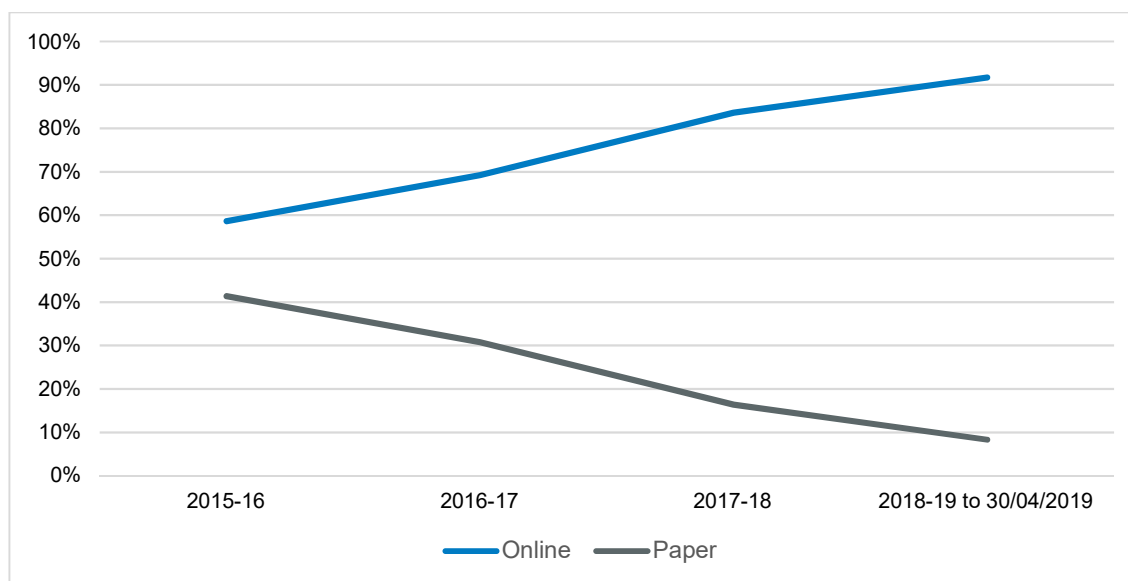


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15. Heightened levels of risk and caseload fraud have been a feature across most programs and have led to an increase in refusal decisions ([Figure 1](#) refers). Since 2015-16 to 2017-18, the average refusal rate across the temporary and permanent visa programs has increased from 2.5 per cent to 3.3 per cent, which equates to 96,724 more applicants being refused. In the current year to 30 April 2019, the refusal rate across programs was tracking at 3.8 per cent. This has involved a significant and commensurate increase in work effort and time for the Department to appropriately assess and decide applications.
16. Despite this growth, the Department has achieved greater levels of productivity, finalising more applications each year by:
  - encouraging the up-take of online lodgement (which reduces manual data entry and enables the Department to fully utilise processing capacity across its global delivery network);
  - continually improving systems and processes; and
  - increasingly consolidating visa processing into 'hubs' that are able to achieve improved efficiency, consistency and integrity outcomes.
17. As at 30 April 2019, over 95 per cent of all visa applications were lodged electronically. The Temporary visa program has seen online lodgement increase from 59 per cent in 2015-16 to 92 per cent in 2018-19 as at 30 April 2019 ([Figure 2](#) refers) and the expansion of online lodgement to China and India, two of Australia's largest tourism and international education markets.

**Figure 2:** Online lodgement growth for the Temporary Visa Program 2015-16 to 2018-19, as at 30 April 2019



18. The sections that follow, provide additional information on some of the key visa programs and the Australian citizenship program administered by the Department.

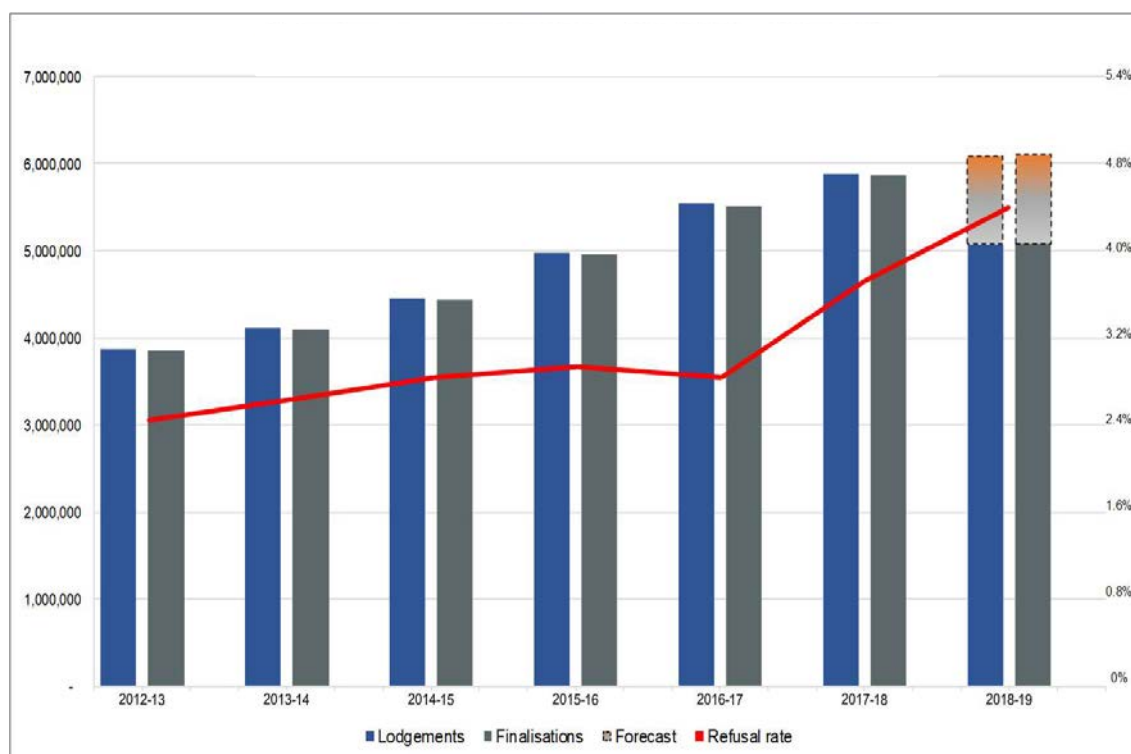
# Temporary visas

19. Australia's temporary visa program is designed to allow overseas people to come to Australia for specific purposes that benefit Australia, including temporary activity or work, international relations, study/training and to visit.

## Visitors

20. Australia's economy benefits significantly from tourism; generating jobs, investment and growth in communities throughout Australia. Tourism is a key export sector which is projected for growth. International visitors spent a record \$43 billion in the year to September 2018, with tourists from China contributing \$11.5 billion—well above their pro-rata share. For these reasons, the Department places a heavy focus on working across Government to position Australia's tourism industry at the forefront globally, and a critical part is our work to keep processing times low, without compromising on integrity or community safety.
21. In 2007-08, the Department finalised 3.72 million visitor visa applications. By 2017-18, this had grown to 5.87 million visa finalisations, an increase of more than 57 per cent in just ten years, with 32 per cent of that growth occurring in the past three years ([Figure 3](#) refers). This growth has been managed while responding to changing patterns of caseload risk and maintaining competitive processing times. Refusal rates for visitor visas to Australia have increased from 1.6 per cent in 2007-08 to 4.4 per cent in 2018-19 to 30 April 2019, as a result of better information being available to our decision makers. More information about the capabilities the Department has invested in to achieve these improved outcomes are detailed in the *Detecting Threats in the Immigration Program* section of this paper below.

**Figure 3:** Visitor visa program trends: 2012-13 to 2018-19 (including forecasts from 30 April 2019 – 30 June 2019)

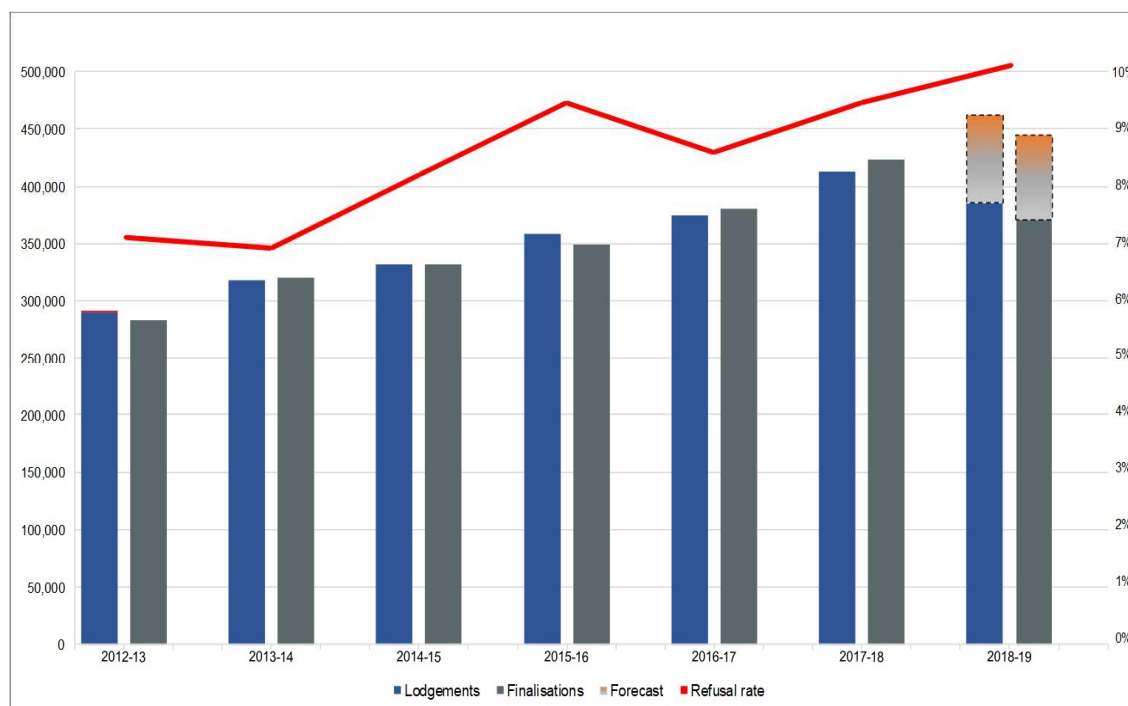


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## Students

22. Australia's international education, training and research sectors also make a significant economic, social and cultural contribution to Australia, to our foreign policy interests and to individual communities. The Department has supported continuing growth in the international education sector, and the student visa program has been growing steadily since 2011-12 (Figure 4 refers).

Figure 4: Student visa program trends: 2012-13 to 2018-19 (including forecasts from 30 April 2019 – 30 June 2019)



23. In 2017-18, a record 378,292 Student visas were granted, surpassing the previous peak reached in 2016-17 of 343,035. Grants to applicants outside Australia reached 234,110 in 2017-18, exceeding the previous peak of 226,898 in 2008-09.

24. There is no cap on Student visas and the demand for visas depends on a number of factors; including education sector quality and reputation, cost of Australia's international education, marketing, and value of the Australian dollar. The variation in refusal rate largely reflects changing patterns of risk within cohorts applying for student visas over time; this subsequently informs the risk framework, evidentiary requirements and assessment of applications.

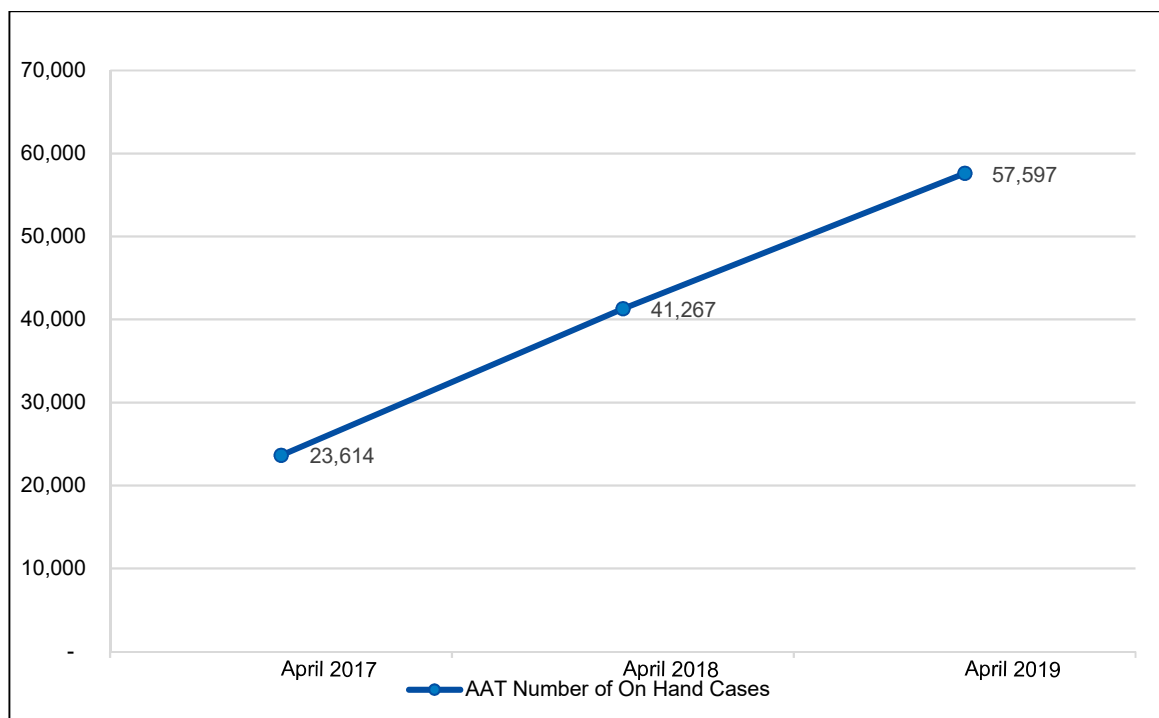
## Bridging visas

25. Bridging visas are an important tool that enable the Department to maintain a non-citizen's lawful status while they stay in Australia for a range of legitimate purposes. This includes maintaining lawful status in the community while a person is:

- applying for a visa in Australia, or where they seek to temporarily travel overseas during the visa application process;
- appealing a decision made to refuse their visa application, either at merits review or by a court;
- making arrangements to depart Australia.

26. The number of bridging visa holders in Australia has increased in recent years, from 99,816 as at 30 April 2014 to 219,059 as at 30 April 2019.
27. Increased packaged product offerings—such as a university packaging English, a preparation course and a subsequent degree course—have increased the number of bridging visa holders as each new course requires a subsequent visa application and grant of that visa is dependent on the successful completion of the previous package element. A significant number of student visa holders are also applying for a Temporary Graduate visa after completing their academic study. A proportion of temporary visa holders apply for a further temporary visa (such as a second working holiday visa, where they have undertaken qualifying work in regional areas), while some skilled temporary visa holders apply to stay permanently in Australia, and a bridging visa is granted while they await a decision. Illegal maritime arrivals and protection visa applicants that are awaiting resolution of their protection claims are also generally granted a bridging visa in association with those matters.
28. An increasing number of non-citizens seek merits review of the Department's decision to refuse their visa application. While awaiting merits review, these individuals generally remain on a Bridging visa. In April of the 2016-17 financial year, there were 23,614 cases awaiting review in the Migration and Refugee Divisions of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT). This increased to over 57,500 in April 2019 (Figure 5 refers). Of the applications finalised by the AAT between 1 July 2018 and 30 April 2019, the AAT upheld the Department's decision in 75 per cent of cases, an indicator of the Department's ongoing strong focus on quality decision making.

**Figure 5:** AAT cases awaiting review in the Migration and Refugee Division, April 2017 – April 2019.



Source of data: AAT, Statistics, <https://www.aat.gov.au/about-the-aat/corporate-information/statistics>

## Migration and Child Program

29. The permanent Migration and Child Program has three primary streams: a Skill stream, a Family stream and a Special Eligibility stream which are managed within a ceiling. The program also includes the Child stream which is demand driven and does not have a ceiling. Becoming a permanent resident of Australia is a significant step and provides access to many services and benefits.
30. The planning level for the Migration Program is set by the Government each year. Notably, since 2015, the planning level has been treated as a ceiling rather than a target. This ensures that standards are not lowered to meet an overall number. Migration Program planning levels are available on the Department's website.
31. In 2017-18, while overall finalisations remained similar and productivity increased compared to 2016-17, processing times were longer and refusals were higher. Refusals rose due to high levels of fraud within some caseloads, and processing times were affected.
32. Integrity concerns continue to be identified in most migration categories in 2018-19. As a result of enhanced scrutiny of applications, visa refusal rates have increased, with a 46 per cent increase in visa refusals in the Migration program in 2017-18 compared to the previous year. These factors, combined with inconsistent application quality and increasing complexity of the caseload, contributed to the lower Migration Program outcome last financial year.
33. While it is too early to accurately forecast the end-year Migration Program outcome for 2018-19, the Department expects finalisations will remain similar to those in 2017-18.

### Skilled Stream

34. The Skill stream is designed to improve the productive capacity of the economy and fill shortages in the labour market, including those in regional Australia that cannot be filled by suitable skilled Australians. The majority of the places in the Migration program are in the Skilled stream, currently set at approximately two thirds of the program.
35. Legislative reforms were implemented in 2017 and 2018 to strengthen the quality of skilled applications. Enhancements to legislation included tightening in relation to labour market testing, lowering of the qualifying age, and higher qualifications and experience requirements.
36. The Department has implemented a range of initiatives to improve Skilled visa stream outcomes, including triaging and streamlining low-risk applications and establishing a priority processing team to focus on skilled regional applications, accredited sponsors and applications under Designated Area Migration Agreements. As a result, grants in the Employer Sponsored and General Skilled Migration categories almost doubled during the third quarter of the 2018-19 program year. As at 30 April 2019, the Migration Program had delivered 134,330 places.
37. The refusal rate for 2018-19 as at 30 April 2019 for the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme and Employer Nomination Scheme was 35 per cent and 9.8 per cent respectively. For General Skilled Migration the refusal rate was 3.9 per cent.

### Family Stream

38. The Family stream is predominantly made up of Partner and Parent categories, enabling Australian citizens and permanent residents to reunite with close family members. The Family stream comprises approximately one third of the program.
39. The Department processes visas in line with the legal framework under the Act and Regulations, and policy parameters as set by Government. Where demand is higher than the

available places, processing times may lengthen. Under section 85 of the Act, the Minister has the power to 'cap' or limit the number of visas which can be granted each year in particular subclasses, covering Parent and Other Family streams.

## Special Eligibility Stream

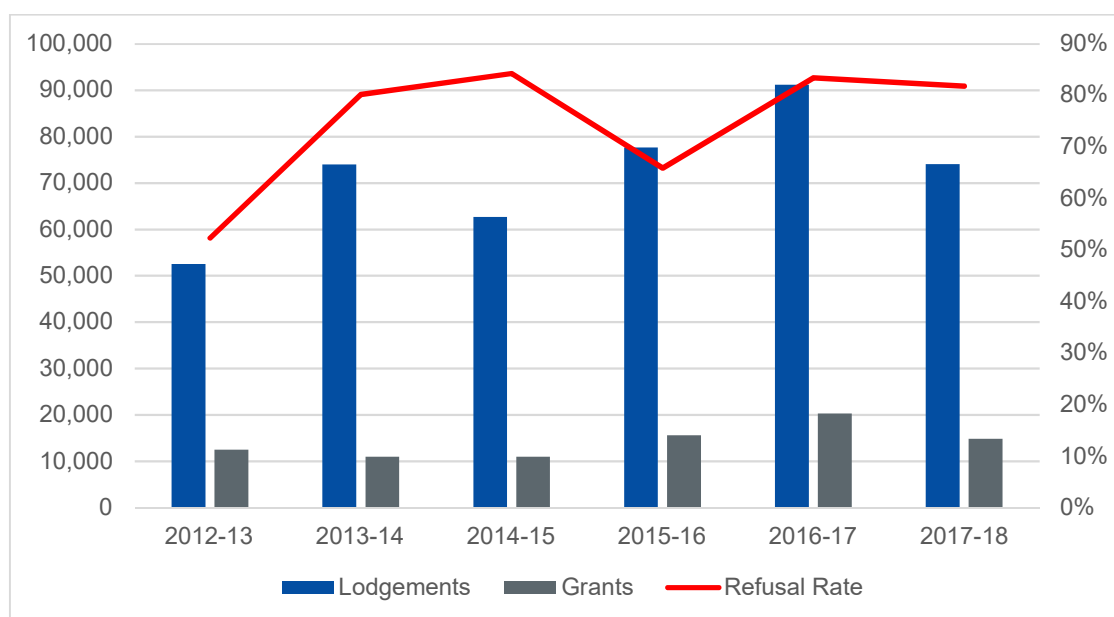
40. The Special Eligibility includes less than 300 places and is mostly used for special circumstances not accommodated for in other visa streams, including former residents.

# Humanitarian Program

## Humanitarian program - offshore

41. Australia is one of the world's most generous contributors to international refugee resettlement efforts, successfully settling more than 880,000 refugees and others in humanitarian need since the end of the Second World War. At present, about 30 countries offer permanent resettlement places to people in humanitarian need through managed and annual programs. Australia is consistently ranked among the world's top permanent resettlement countries. The number of applications for offshore humanitarian visas the Department receives each year is far greater than available visas, even though the base program has grown by over 36 per cent in the past few years and a special additional program of 12,000 places for people displaced by conflict in Iraq and Syria was delivered between 1 July 2015 and 21 March 2017 ([Figure 6](#) refers). The composition of the offshore Humanitarian Program is decided by the Government on an annual basis, taking account of changing patterns of global displacement and humanitarian need, risks to the Australian community and the capacity to facilitate the successful settlement of humanitarian entrants in the community. The Department has continued to deliver the Humanitarian Program in line with planning levels set by the Government each year.

**Figure 6:** Offshore Humanitarian Program trends: 2012-13 to 2017-18



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## Humanitarian program - onshore

42. In line with Australia's international *non-refoulement* obligations, any non-citizen who enters Australia can seek Australia's protection by lodging a protection visa application. There has always been a small proportion of people who arrive on temporary visas who subsequently seek Australia's protection. Of the 30.96 million temporary visas granted between 1 July 2015 and 28 February 2019, 75,000 people subsequently claimed protection. This represents approximately 0.24 per cent of total temporary visa grants, which is low in the context of the changing pattern of arrivals to Australia (*Threat and risk environment* section of this paper refers).
43. Maintaining the integrity of Australia's protection system is of utmost importance to the Department. Individuals have different motives for claiming protection. In the Department's experience, and that of many other western countries, while some claim protection because they genuinely fear they will face significant harm if they were to return to their home country, many make applications for other purposes, such as to prolong their stay in Australia, to access the labour market, or because of the better life opportunities our country affords comparatively. Over 90 per cent of protection visa decisions made in 2017-18 were refusals.
44. The Department continuously works to detect, disrupt and respond to fraud, pattern claims and other attempts to undermine the integrity of the Immigration Program. More information on the methods and tools deployed to address integrity issues are detailed in the *Detecting threats in the Immigration Program* section of this paper below.

## Net Overseas Migration

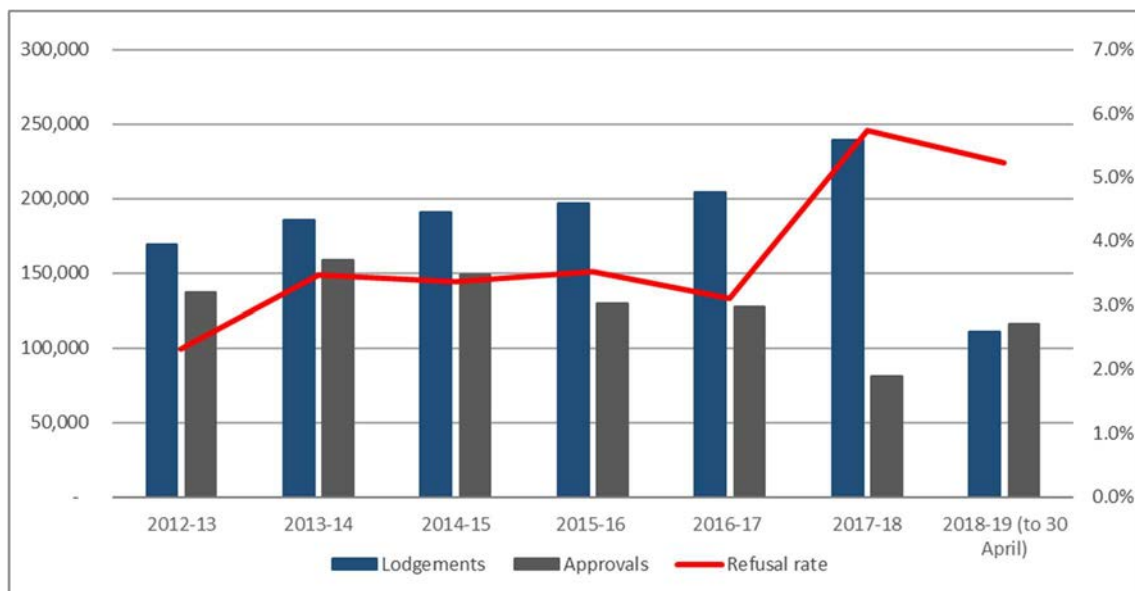
45. Net Overseas Migration (NOM) is the net gain or loss of population through immigration to Australia and emigration from Australia. NOM is based on an international travellers' duration of stay being in or out of Australia for 12 months or more over the 16 month period. 'International travellers' include visa holders, New Zealand Citizens and Australian Citizens. NOM varies continually and can be difficult to forecast accurately as it is affected by so many complex domestic and international variables. Between 2008 and 2018, it has generally remained between 172,000 and 315,700. NOM is currently forecast to increase from 240,100 as at 30 September 2018 to 274,000 by 30 June 2019. The biggest contributors to this increase are increased number of international students studying in Australia, visitor visa holders articulating to other types of visas after arriving in Australia, a recovery in temporary skilled arrivals after a sharp fall in late 2017 and a slightly slower predicted rate of bridging visa departures. Permanent visa contributions to NOM are expected to remain stable.
46. From June 2019, NOM is projected to decline by 2 per cent by June 2022 as the NOM levels for students level off and departures of temporary residents continue to increase (primarily bridging visa departures). More information about NOM is available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website.



# Australian Citizenship Program

47. There is no greater privilege than Australian citizenship. 26 January 2019 marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Australian citizenship. On that day 70 years earlier the *Nationality and Citizenship Act 1949* came into effect, creating the new status of Australian citizen. Every year a significant number of people seek to become Australian citizens so that they can increase their sense of belonging in our community and share in the responsibilities and privileges afforded to citizens.
48. Applications for Australian citizenship generally fall within four categories: **conferral** (this represents approximately 70 per cent of all applications), **descent**, **adoption** and **resumption**.
49. In the eight years from 2010-11 to 2017-18 there was a 177 per cent increase in applications for Australian citizenship by conferral. These increases resulted from a range of reasons, including flow on applications from immigration program intakes over these and earlier years, increased in humanitarian program applications, and proposed changes to eligibility requirements that resulted in eligible permanent residents deciding to lodge their applications before the changes are implemented. Unlike permanent visas granted under the Migration Program, there is no ceiling on the number of citizenship by conferral applications that can be approved each year. This creates additional pressure on the program when application rates increase. The decision to become an Australian citizen is a very personal one. Some people choose to lodge their application as soon as they become residentially eligible, while others may prefer to apply at a later time. The Department does not control application rates for Australian citizenship.

**Figure 7:** Citizenship by conferral program trends: 2010-11 to 2018-19 YTD (30 April 2019)



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50. It is important that only people who can meet the legislative requirements for Australian citizenship are accorded this privilege. Once citizenship is conferred it can be revoked only in extremely limited circumstances. Citizenship by conferral applicants must meet residential and other eligibility provisions to apply. They must satisfy the decision maker of their identity and be of good character. Depending upon circumstances such as their age, applicants must also possess a basic knowledge of the English language, and demonstrate knowledge of Australia and the responsibilities and privileges that come with Australian citizenship.
51. A decision to approve or refuse an application for Australian citizenship is an independent decision under the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* (Citizenship Act), which is a different Act of Parliament to the *Migration Act 1958* under which permanent visa decisions are made. As such, an applicant who may have lived in Australia for several years and who had previously satisfied the legislative criteria for the grant of a permanent residence visa still needs to be assessed against the relevant eligibility, identity, character and security provisions of the Citizenship Act. Each application is assessed on its merits on a case-by-case basis.
52. Over time a person's individual circumstances can change which may affect their identity information, their ability to meet the good character requirement, or give rise to other matters of integrity concern. Some applicants conceal their true identity. Others simply do not present or hold identity documents that readily enable identity to be confirmed. Getting to the true facts in these circumstances can be incredibly complex and time consuming and can increase processing times for these applicants, sometimes with flow on processing impacts for other applications.
53. The changing threat environment (*Threat and Risk Environment* of this paper refers), the risk of un-detected migration fraud within the Immigration Program, along with a number of citizenship applications requiring complex identity assessments, has necessitated a strengthening of integrity measures in the Citizenship Program. These measures have been introduced to help ensure any adverse information is identified and appropriately dealt with, and to ensure that the identity and character considerations of a person have been resolved to the best extent possible before they are approved for Australian citizenship.
54. While these measures have contributed to increased processing times, on top of the impact of large numbers of applications, they are nonetheless imperative in meeting community expectations of the integrity of the program and in ensuring the protection of the Australian people (*Delivering improved immigration integrity and community protection outcomes* section of this paper refers).
55. The increased focus on integrity is having an impact. Refusals of applications for citizenship by conferral have increased significantly from 3.4 per cent in 2014-15 to 5.7 per cent in 2017-18. Where appropriate, applications that present integrity concerns are referred for consideration of visa cancellation. Additionally, in recent years to March 2019, 29 individuals have had their Australian citizenship revoked for criminal conduct or for citizenship or migration fraud.
56. The Department has implemented a range of initiatives to respond to growth and improve processing times, without compromising on integrity. These include an enhanced capability to triage applications according to risk, identifying cases with similar characteristics to harness processing consistency and efficiency, automating business processes and expanding online lodgement capability.
57. These initiatives have resulted in a 76% per cent increase in finalisations for citizenship by conferral applications in 2018-19 as at mid-April 2019, compared to the previous year, as well as many more people acquiring Australian citizenship and thereby becoming Australians and contributing to our great nation.

## Threat and risk environment

58. The threat and risk environment as it applies to the Immigration Program has changed dramatically over the past 20 years.
59. The mass mobility of growing middle classes in emerging economies, through cheaper and more accessible air travel, has meant some groups—who would never have possessed the means to come to Australia previously—are now seeking to travel here. For example, visitors from the UK, Japan, USA, South Korea and Germany made up around 51 per cent of total visitor grants in 2007-08. By 2017-18, this had dropped to 36 per cent. In contrast, China, India and Indonesia grew from 11.4 per cent of the total visitors to 23.6 per cent—914,089 more visa grants—over the same period. This has changed the risk profile and processing required within the visitor caseload.
60. While the increasing movement of people globally brings with it many benefits to Australia, it also brings with it new threats to our security.
61. Approximately 70 per cent of significant serious and organised crime targets that impact Australia are either based offshore or have strong offshore links. Transnational organised crime networks continue to seek to embed themselves into legitimate supply chains to obfuscate their activities or to exploit visa arrangements for human trafficking and exploitation, drug or weapons importation, illegal labour and other nefarious purposes. Their methods continue to evolve, including the masking of activities using encrypted communications and use of professional facilitators.
62. The constantly changing face of terrorism presents as the paramount concern. Terrorist actors, ideologues, financiers, recruiters, and on-line supporters—to name but a few of the entities within this ever-evolving matrix—all take advantage of easier international travel arrangements and streamlined visa processes.
63. There have been growing attempts by some foreign governments or their proxies to engage in foreign interference to undermine Australia's sovereignty, values and national interests, through covert, deceptive and clandestine means. Our institutions of democracy, research and education sectors, the media and our culturally and linguistically diverse communities are all vulnerable to this type of activity. This includes attempts to subvert visa arrangements to advance these purposes.
64. The world is facing the highest level of forcibly displaced people ever, generating continued border risks as people seek to travel both legally and illegally to destinations where they can live in peace and safety, like Australia. A proportion of these individuals carry no reliable documentation that can be used to verify their identity.

## Detecting threats within the Immigration Program

65. While facilitating growth in important temporary and permanent visas that support the economy, and managing strong humanitarian and family programs, the Department is maintaining a proactive posture that assumes some individuals looking to enter Australia—or their facilitators—will attempt to exploit vulnerabilities within the immigration system, for individual benefit or to do harm to Australia.
66. The changing threat and risk environment for the Immigration Program has made broad, nationality based assessment of risk with very limited pre-border risk assessment for certain cohorts—the historical ETA model—no longer appropriate.
67. More granular and nuanced assessment of the risk posed by individual visa applicants—irrespective of nationality—is required, supported by targeted intelligence and greater checking capability. This approach is not only intended to respond to the emerging threats and risks we face today but also underscores the non-discriminatory nature of Australia's Immigration Program.

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## Lifting of Intelligence capability support to the Immigration Program

68. Prior to July 2015, Australia's immigration intelligence capability was immature, split across a range of agencies and dispersed individual teams, and did not inform a joined-up response to risks across the apply, decide, travel, stay, and depart continuum. Visa decisions were made within segments of different organisations predominantly through the prism of assessing the risk of immigration non-compliance with the *Migration Act 1958*; in the absence of a joined up threat lens and without, in many cases, the benefit of intelligence held by other intelligence and law enforcement agencies. For example, decision-making by former Immigration officers overseas, former Customs officers at the border, and Immigration visa and compliance officers in Australia was undertaken on different systems, and lacked a coherent approach to an individual. The Department lacked robust mechanisms to detect and assess individuals who may present a threat to Australia.
69. Today, the Department is developing a full-spectrum border intelligence capability to support the management of the Immigration Program.
- At the strategic level, intelligence capability routinely assesses migration-related threats and systemic vulnerabilities that threaten the integrity of the Immigration Program, including in relation to visa fraud and non-compliance, criminality, exploitation of labour, and human trafficking.
  - At the operational and tactical level, intelligence directly supports the Immigration Program through a network of intelligence analysts integrated with operational teams and specialist enforcement and investigative capabilities. This intelligence is particularly focused on targeting serious and organised crime and serious and deliberate non-compliance.
  - An increasing spectrum of risks and proposed treatments are captured within visa and border processing systems and provided to relevant decision-makers for consideration and action.

### Case study

Convergences of threat manifesting in one domain are now leading to discoveries in other domains. Recently, the discovery of a traveller suspected of importing illicit drugs across the border led to the immediate discovery and disruption of a large, sophisticated imposter syndicate exploiting multiple temporary visa programs through identity and passport fraud to conceal adverse immigration histories. Agile responses by the Department and the Australian Border Force led to pre-border profiles being deployed quickly in both the visa and traveller domains. This level of immediate cross-domain analysis, threat identification and response would not have been possible previously, which focused immediate efforts on specific domains, and demonstrates the power of a more robust and joined up border-intelligence effort.

## Biometrics and integrity screening in the Immigration Program

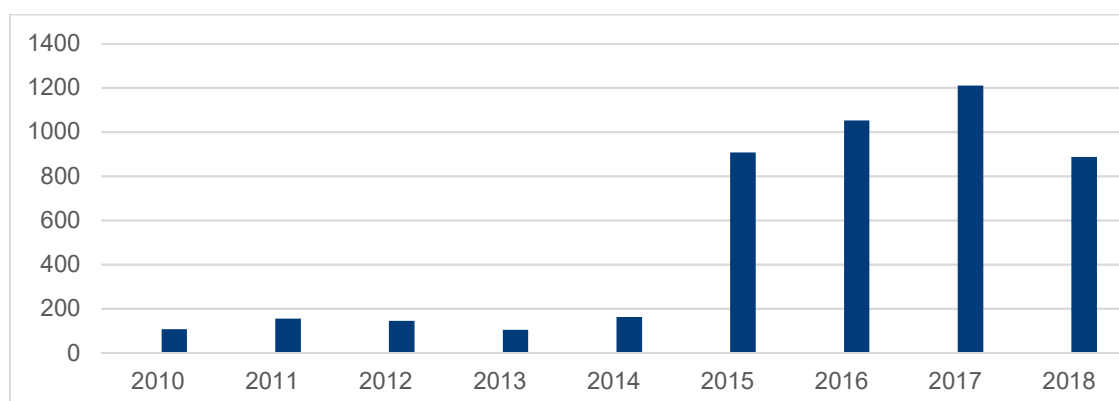
70. Over the past 10 years, the Department has increased its use of biometrics to facilitate legitimate trade and travel, and protect our border and our community from threats, including criminal activity and terrorism. Australia collects biometrics from visa applicants in Australia and in 46 countries to detect persons of concern. The millions of biometrics collected from applicants are checked against Departmental holdings—with higher risk cohorts checked against law enforcement data holdings, and against the data holdings of our Migration 5 (M5) partners (Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and United States) using a Secure Real Time Platform.

71. Intelligence sharing with law enforcement agencies and Five Eyes partners has strengthened since the establishment of the Department of Home Affairs resulting in over 3,000 persons confirmed or suspected of transnational serious and organised crime being added to watch-lists to ensure any visa applications by these individuals are individually scrutinised.
72. Over the past three years, the Department has established new integrity capabilities that are increasingly leveraging new information sources previously not available to visa and citizenship decision-makers to detect individuals who are involved in activities that are of national security concern or against the law. The capabilities which have been built enable us to hone our focus on individuals of concern, and intensively research their history and behaviour to assess whether they may present a threat.

## Delivering improved immigration integrity and community protection outcomes

73. As a result of the greater use of biometrics, the leveraging of intelligence and other new information sources domestically and internationally, and through the deployment of new capabilities and tools, the Department has successfully detected and responded to thousands of cases of visa and identity fraud, as well as serious criminality and security concerns. These outcomes are reflected in the increased visa refusal volumes depicted in Figures 2, 3 and 4 above).
74. At the other end of the Immigration Program, 1,440 instances of potential identity fraud have been detected over the past few years among permanent visa holders applying for Australian citizenship and within the same caseload, 144 individuals were detected who didn't disclose serious criminal conduct. These cases will now be considered for possible visa cancellation.
75. The Department's first priority is ensuring the safety and security of Australians. All non-citizens granted a visa must meet, and continue to meet, the character requirements set out in the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act). There are strong provisions under the Act to refuse or cancel a visa where a person is found not to be of good character. All visitors to Australia are expected to obey Australian laws and satisfy the character requirements of the Act.
76. Through increased collaboration with law enforcement partners and the introduction of mandatory cancellation powers, the Department has also cancelled more visas on character grounds than ever before. From December 2014 to 31 January 2019, visa cancellation decisions under section 501 of the Act increased by over 700 per cent when compared to the previous four year period with around 4,200 visas cancelled, including 78 murderers, 168 rapists, 319 child sex offenders and 213 Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members, associates or organised crime figures (Figure 8 refers). Non-citizens who have had their visa cancelled are subject to immigration detention and removal from Australia.

**Figure 8:** Cancellations under section 501 of the *Migration Act 1958*: 2010 to 2018



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# Maturing of the administration of the Immigration Program in the years ahead

77. The number of people crossing Australia's borders is expected to grow to reach nearly 50 million by 2020. In the decade ahead, we anticipate the threats and risks we face today will continue to evolve. In administering the Immigration Program going forward, the Department will continue to develop and advance the systems, processes and capabilities required to achieve effective facilitation while also enhancing our threat and risk mitigation as the environment changes.
78. Over the short to medium-term, the Department anticipates a continued focus on building its capabilities, through working closely with industry, domestic agencies within and beyond the Home Affairs Portfolio and international partners, in the following areas:
- Identification of emerging threats and vulnerabilities at the earliest point possible and using this information to develop and deploy predictive models and profiles that support visa decision makers to prevent the entry of those who would seek to undermine the intent of the Immigration Program or cause harm to our community, and our national interests
  - Further automation of manual processing activities and consolidation and connection of fraud, criminality risk and security threat information from an expanded range of sources to support real time decision making and recurrent risk checking
  - Biometrics collection to anchor identity at the earliest possible point, together with advanced matching and validation capabilities
  - Increasing quality and consistency of decision-making through enhanced vocational training for visa decision makers, a single, global business processing model, better real time reporting for Immigration Program managers, an integrated model of quality assurance and regular operational practice reviews
  - Other initiatives to improve the client experience for genuine travellers and migrants.
79. Importantly, we apply a 'golden rule' of accountability: no adverse visa decision is ever made by a machine. If a person is denied a visa, it will be denied by a departmental officer based on the applicant's risk and whether they meet the legislative criteria. The officer might be prompted and assisted by the latest technology and automated analytical tools, but it is a person who will be the decision-maker.

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## Overview

This Fact Book provides a regular snapshot of key immigration statistics, including permanent migration, temporary migration, net overseas migration and Bridging visa holders in Australia.

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## Permanent migration program outcome

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**Table 1: Permanent migration program outcome by stream**

| Visa Category                              | Financial Year |                |                |                |                |                        |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
|  | 2013-14        | 2014-15        | 2015-16        | 2016-17        | 2017-18        | 2018-19 to 31 Mar 2019 |
| <b>Migration Program Outcome</b>           | <b>190,000</b> | <b>189,097</b> | <b>186,258</b> | <b>180,208</b> | <b>159,067</b> | <b>116,935</b>         |
| <b>Family</b>                              | <b>61,112</b>  | <b>61,085</b>  | <b>57,400</b>  | <b>56,220</b>  | <b>47,732</b>  | <b>37,418</b>          |
| Partner <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 47,752         | 47,825         | 47,825         | 47,825         | 39,799         | 31,936                 |
| Parents                                    | 8,925          | 8,675          | 8,675          | 7,563          | 7,371          | 5,068                  |
| Child <sup>(2)</sup>                       | 3,850          | 4,135          | n/a            | n/a            | n/a            | n/a                    |
| Other Family                               | 585            | 450            | 900            | 832            | 562            | 414                    |
| <b>Skill</b>                               | <b>128,550</b> | <b>127,774</b> | <b>128,550</b> | <b>123,567</b> | <b>111,099</b> | <b>79,421</b>          |
| Employer-Sponsored                         | 47,450         | 48,250         | 48,250         | 48,250         | 35,528         | 26,781                 |
| Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS)           | 30,912         | 35,870         | 35,981         | 38,052         | 29,307         | 20,519                 |
| Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) | 16,538         | 12,380         | 12,269         | 10,198         | 6,221          | 6,262                  |
| General Skilled                            | 74,740         | 72,840         | 72,840         | 67,857         | 68,111         | 46,457                 |
| Skilled Independent                        | 44,984         | 43,990         | 43,994         | 42,422         | 39,137         | 24,231                 |
| Skilled Regional                           | 5,100          | 2,800          | 4,196          | 1,670          | 1,574          | 483                    |
| State/Territory Nominated                  | 24,656         | 26,050         | 24,650         | 23,765         | 27,400         | 21,743                 |
| Business Innovation & Investment           | 6,160          | 6,484          | 7,260          | 7,260          | 7,260          | 6,007                  |
| Distinguished Talent                       | 200            | 200            | 200            | 200            | 200            | 176                    |
| <b>Special Eligibility</b>                 | <b>338</b>     | <b>238</b>     | <b>308</b>     | <b>421</b>     | <b>236</b>     | <b>96</b>              |
| Child <sup>(3)</sup>                       | n/a            | n/a            | 3,512          | 3,400          | 3,350          | 2,587                  |
| <b>Migration and Child Program Outcome</b> | <b>190,000</b> | <b>189,097</b> | <b>189,770</b> | <b>183,608</b> | <b>162,417</b> | <b>119,522</b>         |

All figures include primary and secondary applicants.

Note 1: Australian citizens, permanent residents and eligible New Zealand citizens can sponsor family visas, including the partner category. Partner visas are granted in two stages: an initial (temporary or provisional) visa and then a secondary/permanent visa. Statistics split by sponsor type (whether sponsor is citizen, permanent resident or New Zealand citizen) are not currently reported and the feasibility of reporting this data is under investigation.

Note 2: From 2015-16, Child visas (excluding Orphan Relative) are not counted in the family stream of the permanent migration program.

Note 3: From 2015-16 Child places are allocated on demand within the overall permanent migration ceiling of 190,000. This is in response to the Government's commitment to reform and improve the processes relating to inter-country adoption.

### Child program

- Child visas are granted to adopted, biological or step children whose parents have acquired Permanent Residence. Child visas are demand driven, unlike other streams of the Permanent Migration Program.
- Since 2015-16 an indicative planning level for Child visas has been included within the overall ceiling of the permanent migration program. In 2018-19, a minimum of 3485 places were provided for Child category migrants outside the managed Migration program.
- In 2017-18, 3,350 Child visas were granted, which accounted for 2.1 per cent of the permanent migration places. Of those Child visas grants 81.3 per cent were located outside Australia.
- Demand for Child visas has remained consistent since moving to a demand driven model.

### Top source countries

- Partner visa: top citizenship countries for 2018-19 were China, India, Vietnam and United Kingdom.
- Child visa: top citizenship countries for 2018-19 were the Philippines, India and China.

**Table 2: Permanent humanitarian program grants by stream**

| Category                                 | Financial Year |               |               |               |               |                        |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|
|  | 2013-14        | 2014-15       | 2015-16       | 2016-17       | 2017-18       | 2018-19 to 31 Mar 2019 |
| <b>Total Humanitarian Program Grants</b> | <b>13,768</b>  | <b>13,756</b> | <b>17,555</b> | <b>21,968</b> | <b>16,250</b> | <b>11,623</b>          |
| <b>Total Offshore</b>                    | <b>11,016</b>  | <b>11,009</b> | <b>15,552</b> | <b>20,257</b> | <b>14,825</b> | <b>10,660</b>          |
| Refugee                                  | 6,501          | 6,002         | 8,284         | 9,653         | 7,909         | 6,071                  |
| Special Humanitarian Program (SHP)       | 4,515          | 5,007         | 7,268         | 10,604        | 6,916         | 4,589                  |
| <b>Total Onshore <sup>(1)</sup></b>      | <b>2,752</b>   | <b>2,747</b>  | <b>2,003</b>  | <b>1,711</b>  | <b>1,425</b>  | <b>963</b>             |
| PV grants to non-IMAs                    | 2,210          | 2,750         | 2,002         | 1,711         | 1,425         | 963                    |
| PV grants to IMAs                        | 542            | -             | <5            | -             | -             | -                      |

(1) Only includes permanent protection (subclass 866) visas.

Note 1: Offshore statistics for 2015-16 and 2016-17 in this table include visas granted towards the Annual Humanitarian Programme and the Additional 12,000 places for Syrians and Iraqis.

Note 2: Data is taken from live systems and may vary from previously reported figures.

### Supporting information - offshore humanitarian program

- Top countries of birth for 2018-19 were Iraq, Congo (DRC), Syria, Myanmar and Afghanistan.
- Top ethnicities for 2018-19 were Iraqi, Congo, Syrian, Chaldean (Iraq) and Kurdish.

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## Permanent migration program outcome

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**Table 3a: Permanent migration program outcome - primary applicants only**

| Visa Category                              | Financial Year |                |                |                |               |                        |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|
|  | 2013-14        | 2014-15        | 2015-16        | 2016-17        | 2017-18       | 2018-19 to 31 Mar 2019 |
| <b>Migration Program Outcome</b>           | <b>113,746</b> | <b>111,468</b> | <b>109,296</b> | <b>105,059</b> | <b>89,617</b> | <b>68,497</b>          |
| <b>Family</b>                              | <b>51,999</b>  | <b>51,834</b>  | <b>48,384</b>  | <b>48,004</b>  | <b>39,435</b> | <b>31,486</b>          |
| Partner <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 42,261         | 42,038         | 42,283         | 42,547         | 34,413        | 28,018                 |
| Parents                                    | 5,710          | 5,558          | 5,503          | 4,882          | 4,691         | 3,200                  |
| Child <sup>(2)</sup>                       | 3,746          | 4,074          | n/a            | n/a            | n/a           | n/a                    |
| Other Family                               | 282            | 164            | 598            | 575            | 331           | 268                    |
| <b>Skill</b>                               | <b>61,535</b>  | <b>59,482</b>  | <b>60,735</b>  | <b>56,817</b>  | <b>50,046</b> | <b>36,958</b>          |
| Employer-Sponsored                         | 21,453         | 22,098         | 22,091         | 22,184         | 16,036        | 12,918                 |
| Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS)           | 13,572         | 16,263         | 16,328         | 17,433         | 13,271        | 9,787                  |
| Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) | 7,881          | 5,835          | 5,763          | 4,751          | 2,765         | 3,131                  |
| General Skilled                            | 38,130         | 35,356         | 36,491         | 32,499         | 31,903        | 22,274                 |
| Skilled Independent                        | 24,936         | 22,752         | 23,259         | 21,667         | 19,303        | 12,241                 |
| Skilled Regional                           | 2,491          | 1,203          | 2,275          | 605            | 498           | 97                     |
| State/Territory Nominated                  | 10,703         | 11,401         | 10,957         | 10,227         | 12,102        | 9,936                  |
| Business Innovation & Investment           | 1,866          | 1,946          | 2,076          | 2,044          | 2,020         | 1,690                  |
| Distinguished Talent                       | 86             | 82             | 77             | 90             | 87            | 76                     |
| <b>Special Eligibility</b>                 | <b>212</b>     | <b>152</b>     | <b>177</b>     | <b>238</b>     | <b>136</b>    | <b>53</b>              |
| Child <sup>(3)</sup>                       | n/a            | n/a            | 3,501          | 3,390          | 3,338         | 2,582                  |
| <b>Migration and Child Program</b>         | <b>113,746</b> | <b>111,468</b> | <b>112,797</b> | <b>108,449</b> | <b>92,955</b> | <b>71,079</b>          |

Note 1: Australian citizens, permanent residents and eligible New Zealand citizens can sponsor family visas, including the partner category. Partner visas are granted in two stages: an initial (temporary or provisional) visa and then a secondary/permanent visa. Statistics split by sponsor type (whether sponsor is citizen, permanent resident or New Zealand citizen) are not currently reported and the feasibility of reporting this data is under investigation.

Note 2: From 2015-16, Child visas (excluding Orphan Relative) are not counted in the managed migration program.

Note 3: From 2015-16 Child places are allocated on demand within the overall permanent migration ceiling of 190,000. This is in response to the Government's commitment to reform and improve the processes relating to inter-country adoption.

**Table 3b: Permanent migration program outcome - secondary applicants only**

| Visa Category                              | Financial Year |               |               |               |               |                        |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|
|  | 2013-14        | 2014-15       | 2015-16       | 2016-17       | 2017-18       | 2018-19 to 31 Mar 2019 |
| <b>Migration Program Outcome</b>           | <b>76,254</b>  | <b>77,629</b> | <b>76,962</b> | <b>75,149</b> | <b>69,450</b> | <b>48,438</b>          |
| <b>Family</b>                              | <b>9,113</b>   | <b>9,251</b>  | <b>9,016</b>  | <b>8,216</b>  | <b>8,297</b>  | <b>5,932</b>           |
| Partner <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 5,491          | 5,787         | 5,542         | 5,278         | 5,386         | 3,918                  |
| Parents                                    | 3,215          | 3,117         | 3,172         | 2,681         | 2,680         | 1,868                  |
| Child <sup>(2)</sup>                       | 104            | 61            | n/a           | n/a           | n/a           | n/a                    |
| Other Family                               | 303            | 286           | 302           | 257           | 231           | 146                    |
| <b>Skill</b>                               | <b>67,015</b>  | <b>68,292</b> | <b>67,815</b> | <b>66,750</b> | <b>61,053</b> | <b>42,463</b>          |
| Employer-Sponsored                         | 25,997         | 26,152        | 26,159        | 26,066        | 19,492        | 13,863                 |
| Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS)           | 17,340         | 19,607        | 19,653        | 20,619        | 16,036        | 10,732                 |
| Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) | 8,657          | 6,545         | 6,506         | 5,447         | 3,456         | 3,131                  |
| General Skilled                            | 36,610         | 37,484        | 36,349        | 35,358        | 36,208        | 24,183                 |
| Skilled Independent                        | 20,048         | 21,238        | 20,735        | 20,755        | 19,834        | 11,990                 |
| Skilled Regional                           | 2,609          | 1,597         | 1,921         | 1,065         | 1,076         | 386                    |
| State/Territory Nominated                  | 13,953         | 14,649        | 13,693        | 13,538        | 15,298        | 11,807                 |
| Business Innovation & Investment           | 4,294          | 4,538         | 5,184         | 5,216         | 5,240         | 4,317                  |
| Distinguished Talent                       | 114            | 118           | 123           | 110           | 113           | 100                    |
| <b>Special Eligibility</b>                 | <b>126</b>     | <b>86</b>     | <b>131</b>    | <b>183</b>    | <b>100</b>    | <b>43</b>              |
| Child <sup>(3)</sup>                       | n/a            | n/a           | 11            | 10            | 12            | 5                      |
| <b>Migration and Child Program</b>         | <b>76,254</b>  | <b>77,629</b> | <b>76,973</b> | <b>75,159</b> | <b>69,462</b> | <b>48,443</b>          |

Note 1: Australian citizens, permanent residents and eligible New Zealand citizens can sponsor family visas, including the partner category. Partner visas are granted in two stages: an initial (temporary or provisional) visa and then a secondary/permanent visa. Statistics split by sponsor type (whether sponsor is citizen, permanent resident or New Zealand citizen) are not currently reported and the feasibility of reporting this data is under investigation.

Note 2: From 2015-16, Child visas (excluding Orphan Relative) are not counted in the managed migration program.

Note 3: From 2015-16 Child places are allocated on demand within the overall permanent migration ceiling of 190,000. This is in response to the Government's commitment to reform and improve the processes relating to inter-country adoption.

**Note:** The sum of Tables 3a and 3b equal the corresponding figures in Table 1.



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## Temporary migration

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**Table 4: Temporary visa grants (flows) by visa major group <sup>(1)</sup>**

| Visa Category                       | Financial Year   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
|                                     | 2013-14          | 2014-15          | 2015-16          | 2016-17          | 2017-18          | 2018-19 to 31 Mar 2019 |
| <b>Temporary migration program</b>  | <b>6,814,449</b> | <b>7,173,560</b> | <b>7,741,638</b> | <b>8,411,187</b> | <b>8,694,048</b> | <b>6,824,940</b>       |
| Crew and Transit                    | 322,126          | 320,521          | 345,873          | 352,394          | 351,516          | 271,355                |
| Other Temporary <sup>(2)</sup>      | 4,218            | 4,459            | 4,438            | 4,822            | 13,074           | 9,030                  |
| New Zealand citizens (subclass 444) | 1,762,890        | 1,798,220        | 1,850,308        | 1,921,561        | 1,856,614        | 1,435,372              |
| Student                             | 292,060          | 299,540          | 310,845          | 343,035          | 378,292          | 299,952                |
| Temporary resident (other)          | 104,738          | 119,817          | 130,807          | 145,100          | 180,459          | 132,331                |
| Temporary resident (skilled)        | 98,571           | 96,084           | 85,611           | 87,580           | 64,470           | 63,503                 |
| Visitor                             | 3,990,254        | 4,308,107        | 4,799,173        | 5,345,684        | 5,639,167        | 4,447,281              |
| Working Holiday Maker               | 239,592          | 226,812          | 214,583          | 211,011          | 210,456          | 166,116                |

(1) All figures include primary and secondary applicants.

(2) From 1 July 2017 figures include subclass 773 Border visas.

### Additional information

- **Student visa grants:** top citizenship countries for 2018-19 were China, India, Nepal, Brazil and Colombia. Higher education visa grants made up 55 per cent of grants, and vocational education and training sector (VET) made up 25 per cent of grants.
- **Temporary resident (skilled) visa grants:** top citizenship countries for 2018-19 were India, United Kingdom, the Philippines, China and the United States of America. The top nominated occupations for primary applications granted in 2018-19 were Developer Programmer; ICT Business Analyst; Software Engineer; Chef; and Resident Medical Officer.
- **New Zealand citizens** are granted a special category (subclass 444) visa every time they cross the border.

### Visa grants

- Visa grants enable a person to travel to Australia. The permissible duration of stay on a visa varies between visas. Most Student and Temporary resident (skilled) visas allow people to stay for more than 12 months.
- Applications for Student visas have increased in recent years. This growth is driven by universities actively promoting their offerings, seeking new markets and continued growth in existing key markets. Temporary graduate visas have also grown in recent years, with more students becoming eligible.

**Table 5: Stock of temporary visa holders in Australia by visa major group**

| Visa Category                           | Temporary visa holders in Australia as at |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|---|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | 31-Mar-14                                 | 31-Mar-15        | 31-Mar-16        | 31-Mar-17        | 31-Mar-18        | 31-Mar-19        |
| <b>Number of temporary visa holders</b> | <b>1,804,171</b>                          | <b>1,892,636</b> | <b>1,979,067</b> | <b>2,079,910</b> | <b>2,230,012</b> | <b>2,322,458</b> |
| Bridging                                | 107,191                                   | 111,178          | 136,904          | 153,809          | 194,875          | 229,242          |
| Crew and Transit                        | 16,596                                    | 21,068           | 21,004           | 21,451           | 20,452           | 24,636           |
| Other Temporary                         | 3,009                                     | 3,198            | 3,483            | 4,172            | 4,836            | 5,634            |
| New Zealand citizens (subclass 444)     | 644,890                                   | 648,993          | 651,391          | 666,324          | 669,115          | 676,084          |
| Student                                 | 366,912                                   | 413,121          | 444,194          | 502,712          | 535,811          | 612,825          |
| Temporary resident (other)              | 56,311                                    | 56,791           | 64,663           | 81,139           | 110,314          | 122,527          |
| Temporary resident (skilled)            | 201,558                                   | 193,158          | 177,395          | 170,701          | 151,596          | 154,205          |
| Visitor                                 | 233,494                                   | 284,854          | 326,178          | 329,543          | 394,889          | 348,162          |
| Working Holiday Maker                   | 174,210                                   | 160,275          | 153,855          | 150,059          | 148,124          | 149,143          |

All figures include primary and secondary applicants.

### Stock of temporary entrants in Australia

- The stock of temporary visa holders in Australia is a point in time estimate. The stock figures decrease as people depart Australia or increase as people arrive in Australia.
- The stock of students in Australia has increased in recent years, consistent with the ongoing increase in annual Student visa grants, which are demand driven. The increase in the stock of students is driven in part by offshore visa grants, but also by people being granted a Student visa while in Australia.

### Bridging visa holders

The vast majority (88 per cent) of Bridging visa holders are on a Bridging visa A, B or C, while their visa applications are being processed and finalised, which can take 12 months or more. For example, a Temporary resident (skilled) visa holder may apply for a permanent Skilled visa while onshore. When a valid application is made onshore the applicant is granted a Bridging visa.



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## Bridging visa holders

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**Table 6a: Stock of Bridging visa holders in Australia by visa subclass**

| Bridging Visa Subclass                   | Bridging visa holders in Australia as at |                |                |                |                |                |
|--|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | 31-Mar-14                                | 31-Mar-15      | 31-Mar-16      | 31-Mar-17      | 31-Mar-18      | 31-Mar-19      |
| <b>Number of Bridging visa holders *</b> | <b>107,153</b>                           | <b>111,178</b> | <b>136,904</b> | <b>153,809</b> | <b>194,875</b> | <b>229,242</b> |
| 010 Bridging A                           | 58,485                                   | 52,279         | 71,963         | 87,295         | 119,195        | 139,877        |
| 020 Bridging B                           | 16,608                                   | 13,634         | 15,842         | 20,605         | 31,625         | 41,716         |
| 030 Bridging C                           | 8,470                                    | 8,869          | 9,926          | 12,216         | 15,302         | 21,204         |
| 040 Bridging (Prospective Applicant)     | 35                                       | 47             | 47             | 21             | 6              | 6              |
| 041 Bridging (Non-Applicant)             | 9  | <5             | <5             | <5             | -              | -              |
| 050 Bridging (General)                   | 23,470                                   | 36,269         | 39,033         | 33,573         | 28,636         | 26,325         |
| 051 Bridging (Protection Visa Applicant) | -  | -              | -              | -              | -              | <5             |
| 060 Bridging F                           | <5                                       | <5             | 9              | 10             | 14             | 20             |
| 070 Bridging R                           | 75                                       | 76             | 81             | 87             | 97             | 93             |

\* There are minor differences between the figures reported in this table when compared to Table 5, due to different source data.

### Bridging visa holders

The vast majority (88 per cent) of Bridging visa holders are on a Bridging visa A, B or C, while their visa applications are being processed and finalised, which can take 12 months or more. For example, a temporary resident (skilled) visa holder may apply for a permanent skilled visa while onshore. When a valid application is made onshore the applicant is granted a Bridging visa.

**Bridging visa A (BVA) (subclass 010)** which allows individuals to stay lawfully in Australia while their new application is being processed (in most cases a separate BVA application is not required under the regulations, as their substantive visa application is also an application for a BVA), and can also provide them with lawful status during merits review or judicial review processes;

**Bridging visa B (BVB) (subclass 020)** may be granted to BVA and BVB holders to enable them to depart or return to Australia during the processing of their application where they have a need to travel. BVB applications can generally be applied for online and are generally granted for up to a maximum of three months. **Note:** There have been previous policy proposals to provide BVAs with a travel facility to avoid the need for a separate BVB to be granted. Such issues were, however, to be considered as part of broader upcoming visa reform.

**A Bridging visa C (BVC) (subclass 030) or a Bridging visa E (BE) (subclasses 051 and 050)** may be granted to applicants who have an application on hand, but did not hold a substantive visa when they lodged this application and regularises their status. These visas may also be relied upon where visa applicants are seeking merits or judicial review, or are seeking Ministerial Intervention.

**Bridging visa D (BVD) (subclasses 040 and 041)** provides the visa holder with five days in which to make a substantive visa application (i.e. often where they have attempted to lodge but were unsuccessful).

**Bridging visa F (BVF) (subclass 060)** is used in the context of unlawful non-citizens who are suspected victims of trafficking to keep them lawful while other options are considered).

**Bridging visa R (BVR) (subclass 070)** is used to resolve complex cases where the Minister's s195A intervention powers are used.

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## Bridging visa holders

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**Table 6b: Stock of Bridging visa holders in Australia by last substantive visa held**

| Last Visa Held - Visa Category           | Bridging visa holders as at |                |                |                |                |                |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | 31-Mar-14                   | 31-Mar-15      | 31-Mar-16      | 31-Mar-17      | 31-Mar-18      | 31-Mar-19      |
| <b>Number of Bridging visa holders *</b> | <b>107,153</b>              | <b>111,178</b> | <b>136,904</b> | <b>153,809</b> | <b>194,875</b> | <b>229,242</b> |
| Student                                  | 46,435                      | 38,203         | 48,751         | 55,777         | 69,306         | 81,929         |
| Visitor                                  | 21,854                      | 24,434         | 32,046         | 42,519         | 59,107         | 77,794         |
| Temporary Resident (Skilled)             | 3,832                       | 4,833          | 8,568          | 10,845         | 16,016         | 16,744         |
| Temporary Resident (Other)               | 9,885                       | 6,506          | 5,375          | 6,381          | 11,750         | 15,839         |
| Offshore Humanitarian                    | 594                         | 16,999         | 22,582         | 21,160         | 15,599         | 12,506         |
| Working Holiday Maker                    | 6,238                       | 6,421          | 8,336          | 8,003          | 10,779         | 10,142         |
| Skilled                                  | 1,395                       | 1,541          | 1,789          | 2,132          | 2,847          | 4,681          |
| Family                                   | 1,990                       | 2,117          | 2,166          | 2,960          | 4,682          | 4,096          |
| Other Temporary                          | 613                         | 566            | 529            | 524            | 579            | 734            |
| Crew and Transit                         | 177                         | 174            | 182            | 237            | 316            | 462            |
| Onshore Protection                       | 31                          | 33             | 40             | 56             | 92             | 87             |
| Resident Return/ADV                      | 6                           | 10             | 14             | 27             | 37             | 51             |
| Child                                    | 18                          | 21             | 23             | 24             | 31             | 31             |
| Special Category                         | 12                          | 27             | 28             | 20             | 11             | 16             |
| Travel Authority                         | 9                           | <5             | 9              | 7              | 8              | 14             |
| Other Permanent                          | 12                          | 17             | 12             | 12             | 12             | 12             |
| Special Eligibility                      | <5                          | <5             | <5             | 8              | <5             | <5             |
| Unknown                                  | 14,051                      | 9,269          | 6,450          | 3,117          | 3,701          | 4,101          |

\* It is important to note that the information used in this table comes from a new data source. Figures reported in this table differ slightly in Table 5 for Bridging visa holders.

**Table 6c: Stock of Bridging visa holders in Australia by last visa applied for**

| Visa Applied For - Visa Category         | Bridging visa holders as at |                |                |                |                |                |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | 31-Mar-14                   | 31-Mar-15      | 31-Mar-16      | 31-Mar-17      | 31-Mar-18      | 31-Mar-19      |
| <b>Number of Bridging visa holders *</b> | <b>107,153</b>              | <b>111,178</b> | <b>136,904</b> | <b>153,809</b> | <b>194,875</b> | <b>229,242</b> |
| Onshore Protection                       | 14,179                      | 16,207         | 20,904         | 35,711         | 52,346         | 64,672         |
| Family                                   | 30,077                      | 31,636         | 36,024         | 40,535         | 46,419         | 54,109         |
| Student                                  | 19,550                      | 12,361         | 17,373         | 21,888         | 32,260         | 38,866         |
| Skilled                                  | 13,337                      | 10,475         | 10,670         | 14,241         | 24,386         | 30,191         |
| Temporary Resident (Other)               | 8,213                       | 6,999          | 12,327         | 13,331         | 15,089         | 24,557         |
| Temporary Resident (Skilled)             | 5,683                       | 5,464          | 8,522          | 11,172         | 14,652         | 8,642          |
| Bridging                                 | 13,310                      | 25,392         | 27,291         | 12,703         | 2,611          | 2,937          |
| Working Holiday Maker                    | 753                         | 568            | 1,455          | 776            | 2,097          | 1,567          |
| Visitor                                  | 698                         | 497            | 646            | 776            | 1,219          | 1,411          |
| Other Temporary                          | 380                         | 333            | 328            | 496            | 722            | 860            |
| Child                                    | 206                         | 170            | 160            | 339            | 605            | 738            |
| Other Permanent                          | 42                          | 34             | 30             | 24             | 21             | 31             |
| Resident Return/ADV                      | 5                           | <5             | 6              | 5              | 22             | 30             |
| Special Eligibility                      | 10                          | 7              | 9              | <5             | <5             | 6              |
| Special Category                         | <5                          | <5             | <5             | <5             | <5             | <5             |
| Offshore Humanitarian                    | <5                          | <5             | <5             | <5             | <5             | <5             |
| Crew and Transit                         | -                           | <5             | <5             | -              | -              | -              |
| Unknown                                  | 707                         | 1,026          | 1,154          | 1,805          | 2,417          | 2,619          |

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## Net Overseas Migration

Estimates for the period ending 30 September 2018

**Table 7: Net Overseas Migration by visa major group**

|                                      | Sep 2012       | Sep 2013       | Sep 2014       | Sep 2015       | Sep 2016       | Sep 2017       | Sep 2018 <sup>(a)</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Total NOM <sup>(b)</sup></b>      | <b>239,850</b> | <b>221,210</b> | <b>183,740</b> | <b>184,230</b> | <b>229,510</b> | <b>259,430</b> | <b>240,060</b>          |
| <b>Total Temporary</b>               | <b>121,870</b> | <b>127,280</b> | <b>127,220</b> | <b>139,090</b> | <b>162,130</b> | <b>188,640</b> | <b>187,560</b>          |
| Student                              | 29,820         | 50,600         | 74,920         | 80,450         | 92,580         | 103,440        | 108,110                 |
| Temporary resident (skilled)         | 34,780         | 19,730         | 9,670          | 10,820         | 12,330         | 16,140         | 12,260                  |
| Working Holiday Makers               | 39,410         | 37,300         | 24,630         | 22,520         | 22,330         | 26,560         | 26,490                  |
| Visitor                              | 29,710         | 32,980         | 32,670         | 38,230         | 48,930         | 57,180         | 56,240                  |
| All other temporary visas            | -11,840        | -13,330        | -14,660        | -12,930        | -14,040        | -14,670        | -15,530                 |
| <b>Total Permanent</b>               | <b>68,200</b>  | <b>72,470</b>  | <b>71,190</b>  | <b>69,200</b>  | <b>76,490</b>  | <b>80,180</b>  | <b>65,770</b>           |
| Skill                                | 33,720         | 30,590         | 32,280         | 33,680         | 34,260         | 37,350         | 35,090                  |
| Family                               | 28,720         | 30,850         | 27,640         | 25,780         | 25,960         | 23,390         | 19,920                  |
| Special Eligibility and Humanitarian | 6,760          | 11,510         | 11,920         | 10,460         | 16,750         | 19,900         | 12,030                  |
| Other permanent visas                | -990           | -470           | -640           | -720           | -460           | -440           | -1,270                  |
| <b>Total Other</b>                   | <b>49,790</b>  | <b>21,480</b>  | <b>-14,670</b> | <b>-24,040</b> | <b>-9,120</b>  | <b>-9,390</b>  | <b>-13,270</b>          |
| Aust citizens                        | -7,000         | -11,860        | -20,850        | -27,310        | -17,920        | -11,860        | -14,240                 |
| New Zealand citizens                 | 43,840         | 28,390         | 9,780          | 3,730          | 7,930          | 6,390          | 7,350                   |
| Other visas                          | 12,950         | 4,950          | -3,600         | -460           | 870            | -3,920         | -6,380                  |

Estimates as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS, Cat. No. 3101.0 Australian Demographic Statistics). These estimates are based on **actual traveller behaviour**.

(a) Estimates for year ending September 2018 are preliminary.

(b) Estimates have been confidentialised by rounding to the nearest 10. As a result sums of the components may not add exactly to totals.

### Definition:

Net overseas migration (NOM) is the net gain or loss of population through immigration to Australia and emigration from Australia. It is based on a person being in (or out of) Australia for at least 12 of the last 16 months.

### Note:

The growth in NOM is being driven by international students. For example, some students will come to Australia to study a short course. While in Australia they can choose to apply for a further visa. When they make a valid application they are granted a bridging visa.

### Additional information

- Negative figures in Table 8 denote more departures than arrivals.
- **Visitor NOM** - is largely driven by people who have entered Australia on a short-term visitor visa and then applied for another visa onshore, such as a student visa.
- **All other temporary NOM** - the subtraction from NOM is driven by the departure of people on bridging visas.

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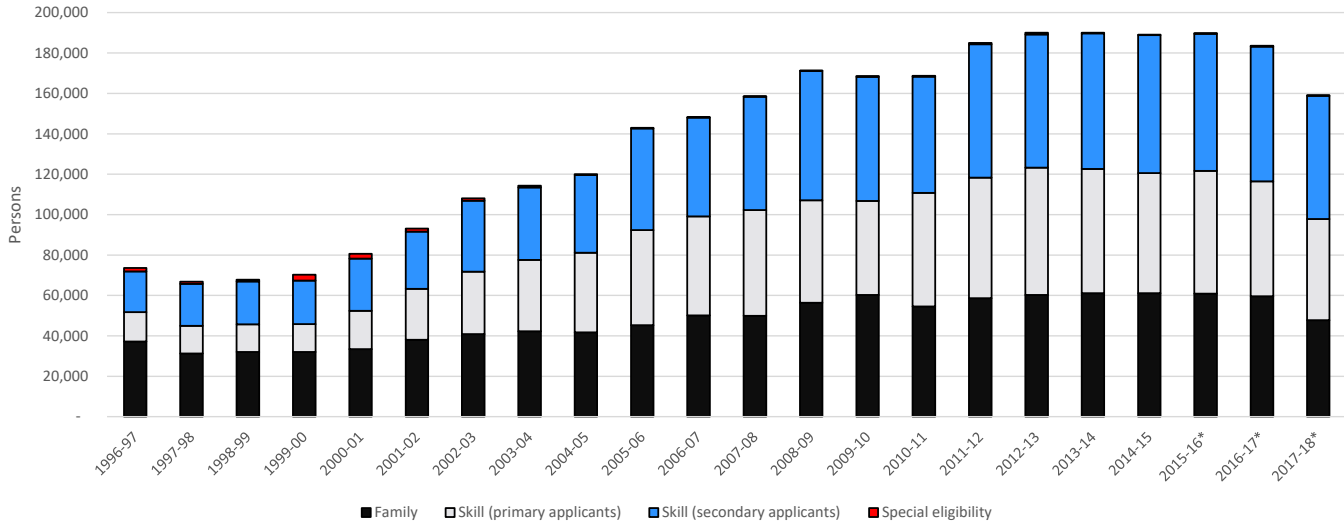
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## Chart pack - Permanent migration

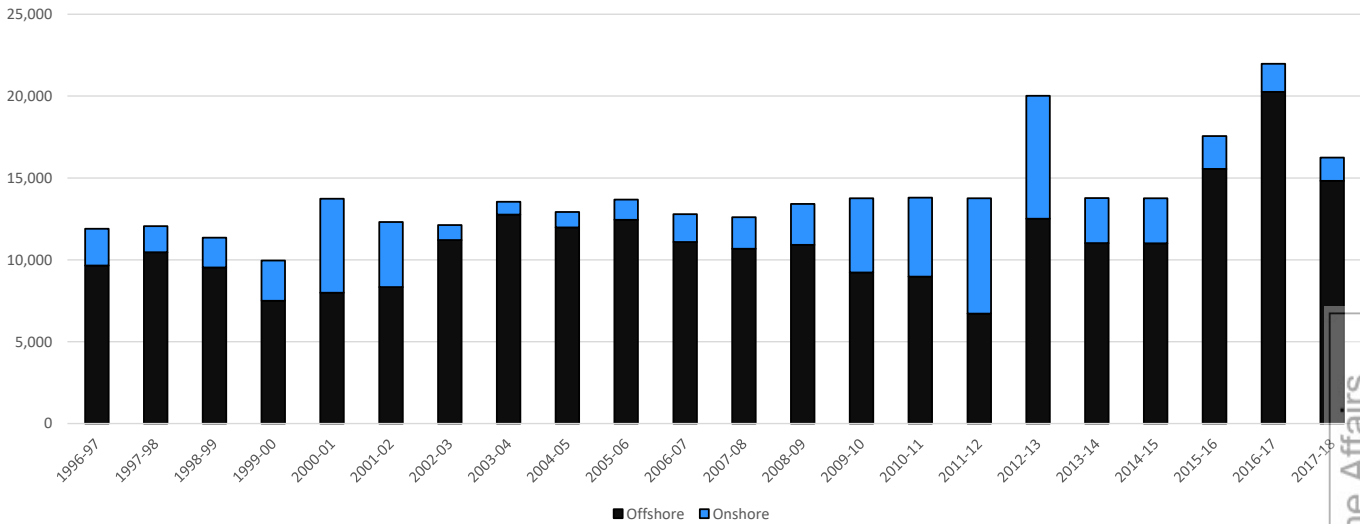
Annual estimates for the period ending 2017-18

**Chart 1: Permanent migration program outcome by stream, 1996-97 to 2017-18**



\* For 2015-16 and 2016-17 Family outcomes include Child

**Chart 2: Permanent humanitarian program grants, onshore/offshore, 1996-97 to 2017-18**



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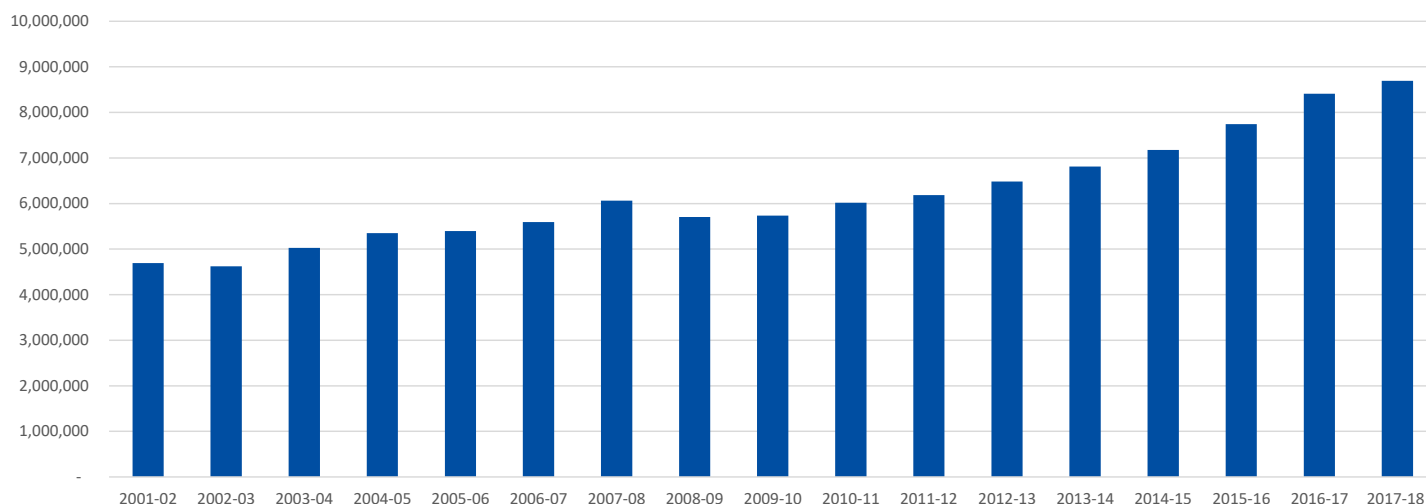
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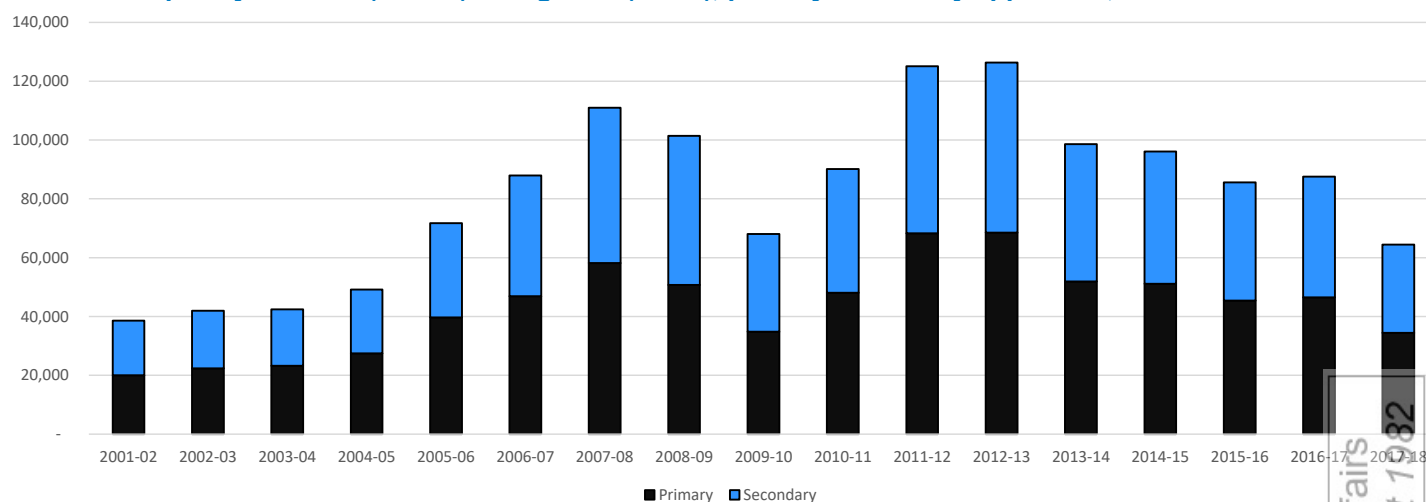
## Chart pack - Temporary migration (visa grants)

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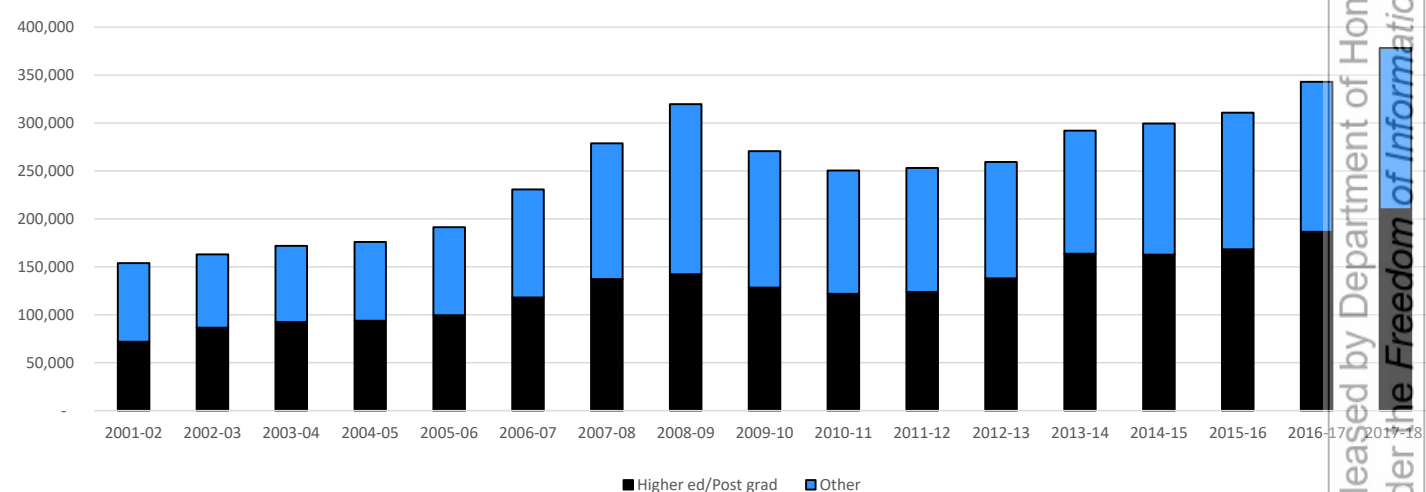
**Chart 3: Temporary visa grants (flows), 2001-02 to 2017-18**



**Chart 4: Temporary resident (skilled) visa grants (flows), primary/secondary applicants, 2001-02 to 2017-18**



**Chart 5: Student visa grants (flows) by sector, 2001-02 to 2017-18**





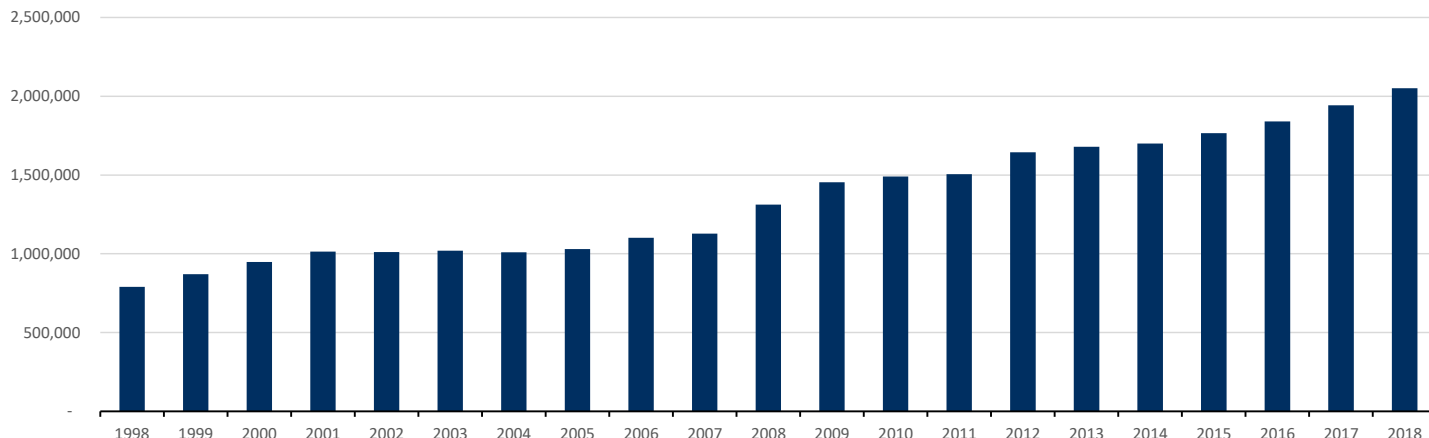
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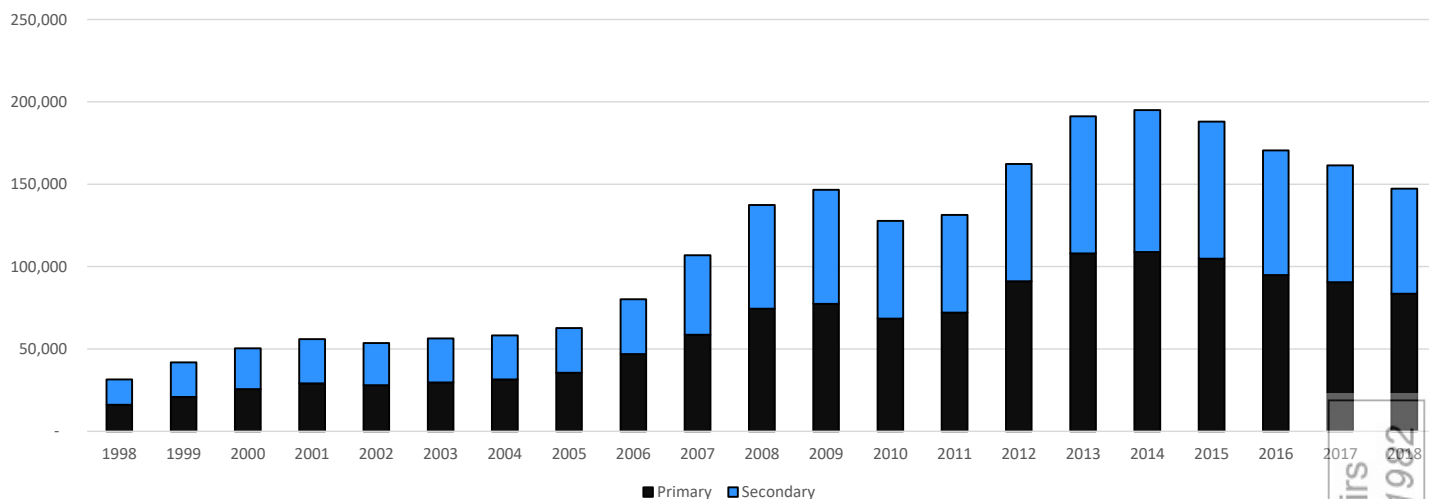
## Chart pack - Stock of temporary migrants

Annual estimates for the period ending 30 June 2018

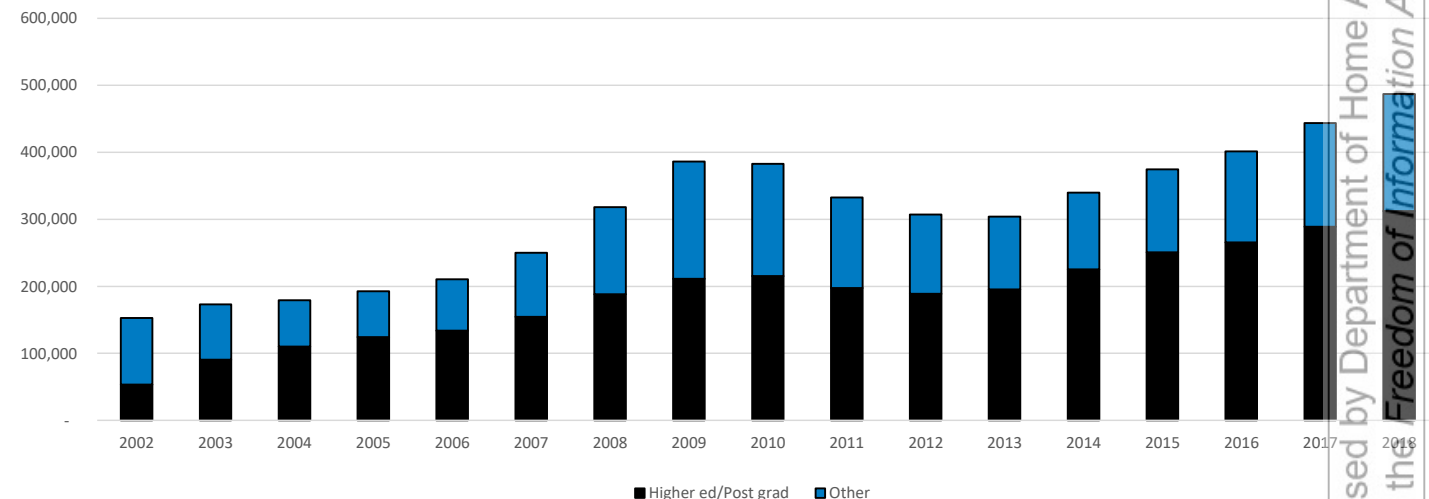
**Chart 6: Stock of temporary visa holders in Australia, as at 30 June, 1998 to 2018**



**Chart 7: Stock of temporary resident (skilled) visa holders in Australia, primary/secondary applicants, as at 30 June, 1998 to 2018**



**Chart 8: Stock of student visa holders in Australia, as at 30 June, 2002 to 2018**





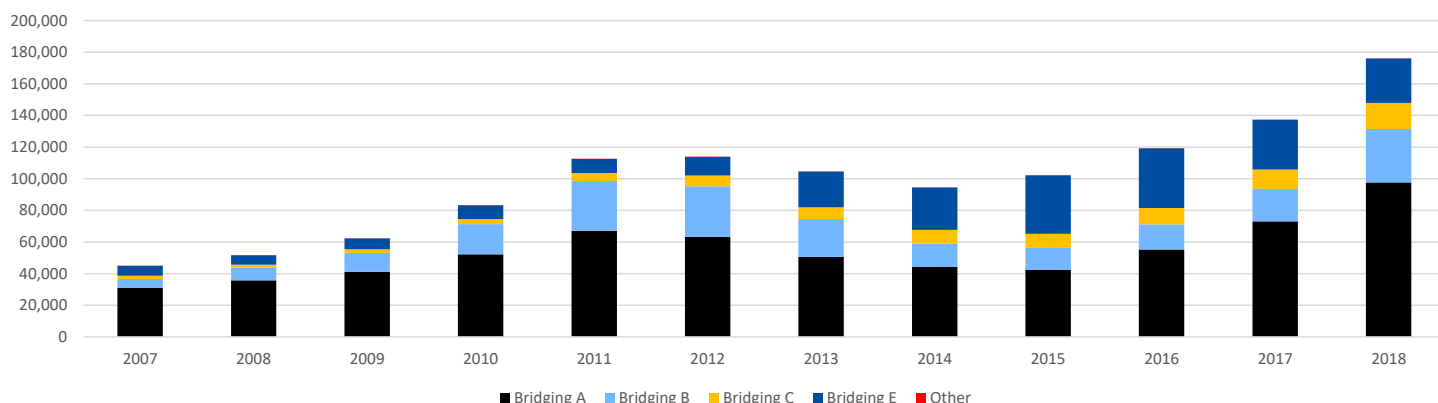
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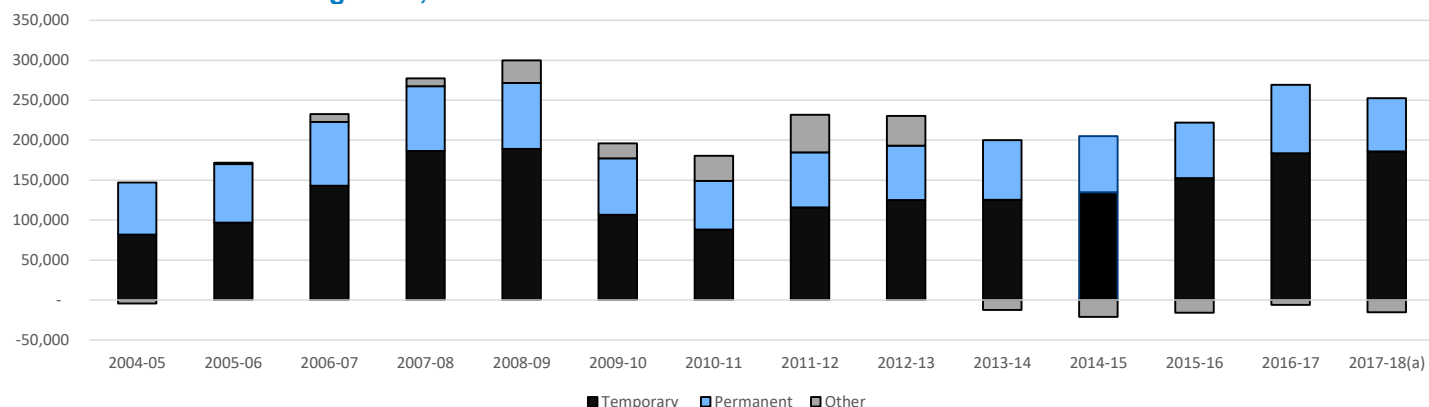
## Chart Pack - Stock of Bridging visa holders & NOM

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**Chart 9: Stock of Bridging visa holders in Australia as at 30 June, 2007 to 2018**



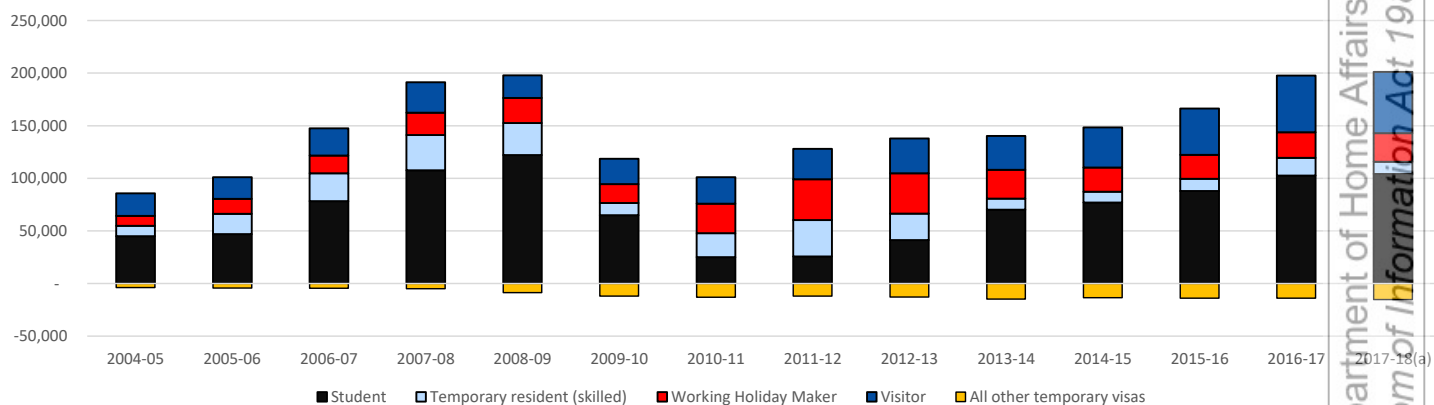
**Chart 10: Net Overseas Migration, 2004-05 to 2017-18**



Estimates as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS. Cat. No. 3101.0 Australian Demographic Statistics).

(a) Estimates for 2017-18 are preliminary.

**Chart 11: Net Overseas Migration by temporary visa major groups, 2004-05 to 2017-18**



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### Remaining in the asylum seeker Legacy Caseload

|                                  | Fast Track   | Non-Fast Track | Total        |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Applications Onhand</b> | <b>8,094</b> | <b>891</b>     | <b>8,985</b> |
| <b>TPV Applications Onhand</b>   | <b>946</b>   | <b>362</b>     | <b>1,308</b> |
| Onhand Primary                   | 867          | 40             | 907          |
| Onhand Review (a)                | 69           | 275            | 344          |
| Remitted Awaiting Decision       | 10           | 47             | 57           |
| <b>SHEV Applications Onhand</b>  | <b>7,148</b> | <b>529</b>     | <b>7,677</b> |
| Onhand Primary                   | 6,763        | 152            | 6,915        |
| Onhand Review (a)                | 306          | 374            | 680          |
| Remitted Awaiting Decision       | 79           | 3              | 82           |

### Primary Decisions (b)

|                 | Fast Track    | Non-Fast Track | Total         |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Grants</b>   | <b>10,996</b> | <b>1,522</b>   | <b>12,518</b> |
| TPV Grant       | 1,925         | 1,053          | 2,978         |
| SHEV Grant      | 9,071         | 469            | 9,540         |
| <b>Refusals</b> | <b>6,067</b>  | <b>3,420</b>   | <b>9,487</b>  |

### Review Outcomes (b)

|          | Fast Track | Non-Fast Track | Total        |
|----------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| Remitted | 713        | 2,458          | <b>3,171</b> |
| Affirmed | 5,159      | 2,117          | <b>7,276</b> |

### Finally Determined Decisions (b)

|                                | Fast Track    | Non-Fast Track | Total         |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Grants</b>                  | <b>11,611</b> | <b>3,768</b>   | <b>15,379</b> |
| TPV Grant                      | 2,087         | 3,286          | 5,373         |
| SHEV Grant                     | 9,524         | 482            | 10,006        |
| <b>Refusals</b>                | <b>4,796</b>  | <b>1,885</b>   | <b>6,681</b>  |
| At Judicial Review             | 3,740         | 345            | 4,085         |
| Not at Judicial Review         | 1,056         | 1,540          | 2,596         |
| <b>Excluded Fast Track (c)</b> | <b>50</b>     | <b>-</b>       | <b>50</b>     |

#### Notes

All eligible asylum seekers have had pre-application processing completed, including s46A bar lifts and invitation to apply letters sent. Statistics relating to the asylum seeker Legacy Caseload differ from the statistics relating to asylum seekers generally. The asylum seekers Legacy Caseload excludes certain cohorts such as those finally determined to be granted or refused a visa.

### Additional Information (cumulative)

|                              | Fast Track   | Non-Fast Track | Total        |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Born to asylum seeker</b> | <b>1,535</b> | <b>132</b>     | <b>1,667</b> |
| <b>Removals and Returns</b>  | <b>480</b>   | <b>1,219</b>   | <b>1,699</b> |
| Voluntary Removals           | 60           | 330            | 390          |
| Involuntary Removals         | 15           | 93             | 108          |
| Voluntary Returns            | 405          | 796            | 1,201        |
| <b>Deceased</b>              | <b>24</b>    | <b>35</b>      | <b>59</b>    |

### Detention Status (d)

|                            | BVE in Community | Held Detention (f) | Residence Determination |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Onhand Primary             | 7,658            | 37                 | 11                      |
| Remitted Awaiting Decision | 113              | 21                 | -                       |
| Finally Determined Refusal | 5,174            | 132                | 14                      |

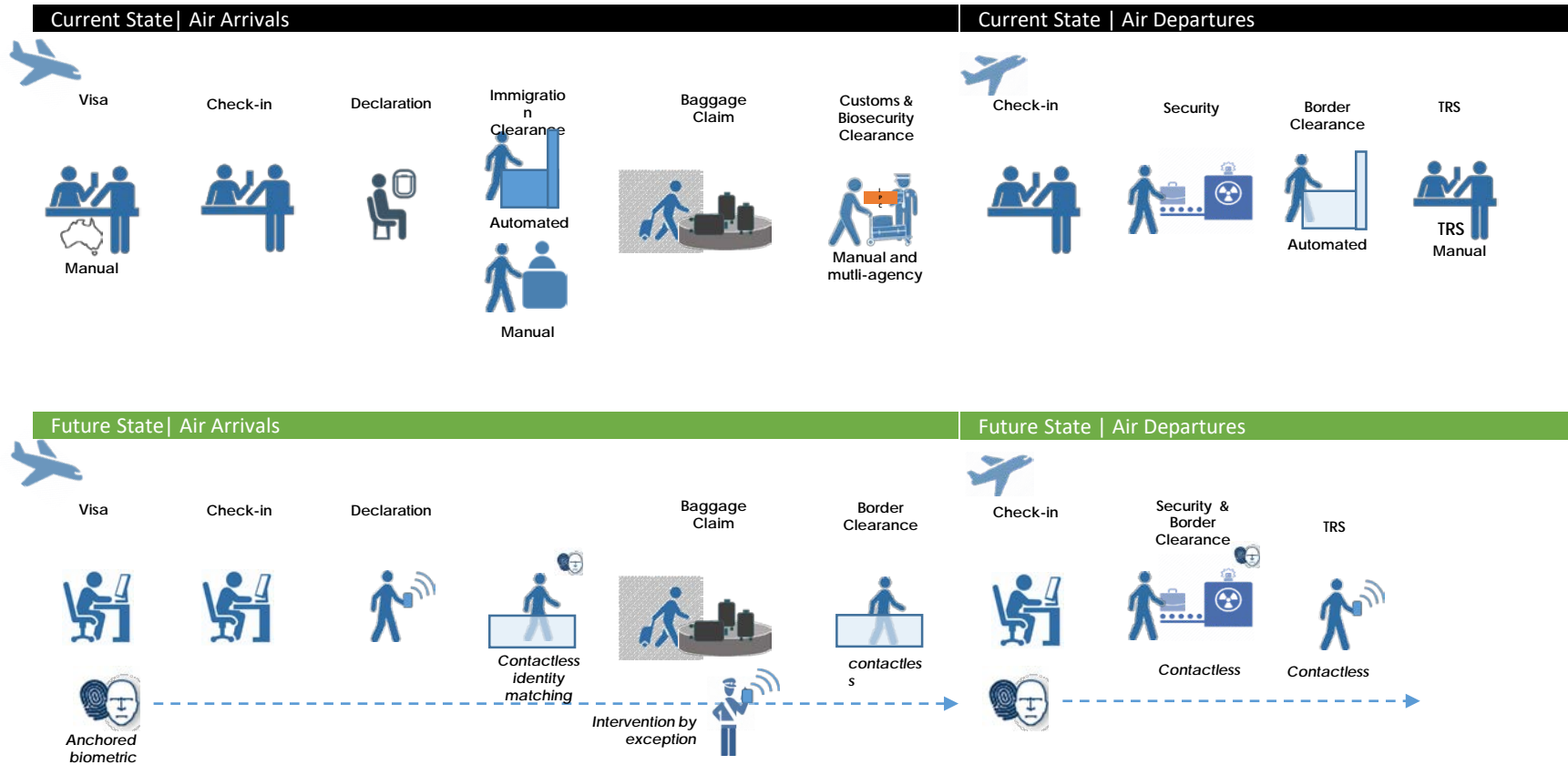
#### Legend

- (a) Includes asylum seekers who are 'in the review window' where relevant.  
 (b) Includes protection outcomes since 19 September 2013.  
 (c) Excluded Fast Track represents asylum seekers at various stages of processing who have been excluded from merits review.  
 (d) Excludes a small number of asylum seekers on Temporary Humanitarian Stay (subclass 449) or Temporary Humanitarian Concern (subclass 786) visas who have not yet lodged, are currently in the process or have already been finally determined.  
 (e) BVE in community includes those asylum seekers who previously held a BVE and are now undergoing a re-grant process.  
 (f) Includes those asylum seeker who are in correctional facilities.

# Air Environment



## Traveller Pathway – Current and Future States



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