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In reply please quote:

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Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Access Decision

On 16 July 2019, the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) received a request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

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

1 Scope of request

You have requested access to the following documents:

- 1) *the total number of EOI for subclasses 489, 189 and 190 in submitted status for all occupations between 70-95 points.*
- 2) *the number of EOI for subclasses 489, 189 and 190 in submitted status without partner skills points for all occupations between 70-95 points.*
- 3) *the number of EOI for subclasses 489, 189 and 190 in submitted status with 5 skilled employment points (for both overseas and Australian skilled experience) for all occupations between 70-95 points.*
- 4) *the number of EOI for subclasses 489, 189 and 190 in submitted status with 10 skilled employment points (for both overseas and Australian skilled experience) for all occupations between 70-95 points.*
- 5) *the number of EOI for subclasses 489, 189 and 190 in submitted status with 15 skilled employment points (for both overseas and Australian skilled experience) for all occupations between 70-95 points.*

6) the number of EOI for subclasses 489, 189 and 190 in submitted status with 20 skilled employment points (for both overseas and Australian skilled experience) for all occupations between 70-95 points.

7) the number of EOI for subclasses 489, 189 and 190 in submitted status without skilled employment points (for both overseas and Australian skilled experience) for all occupations between 70-95 points.

8) the number of subclass 189 applications submitted under the NZ stream from 01/01/2016 to 11/07/2019.

9) the number of 485 visa applications, for PSW and Graduate streams, submitted from 01/07/2016 to 11/07/2019, categorized by month and occupation.

2 Authority to make decision

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

3 Relevant material

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

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

4 Document in scope of request

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department has used its computer system to produce two documents that contains information that falls within the scope of your request. The data produced in the document existed in the possession of the Department on 16 July 2019 when your initial FOI request was received.

5 Decision

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

- Release two documents in full

6 Legislation

A copy of the FOI Act is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2017C00251>. If you are unable to access the legislation through this website, please contact our office for a copy.

7 Your Review Rights

Internal Review

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

Applications for review should be sent to:

By email to: foi.reviews@homeaffairs.gov.au

OR

By mail to:
Freedom of Information Section
Department of Home Affairs
PO Box 25
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

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

8 Making a Complaint

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

Your enquiries to the Australian Information Commissioner can be directed to:

Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge)
Email enquiries@oaic.gov.au

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

9 Contacting the FOI Section

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

Signed electronically

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