Freedom of Information Request – FA 19/11/00140

1. The request is related to EOI's system. This has been witnessed various times that for few occupations like Software Developer the EOI date drop back to the previous months.

Example 11 July 2019 results shows that for 2613 the cut off is as follows 2613 Software and Applications Programmers 80 13/05/2019 7:10 pm. Whereas 11 October 2019 results show the below statistics 2613 Software and Applications Programmers 80 9/04/2019 8:56pm

How it is possible?

Answer:

Situations that may influence the latest date of effect include individuals that may not apply when initially invited and could receive a second invitation. An individual may also suspend their Expression of Interest (EOI) for a period of time and receive an invitation after un-suspending their account.

2. Another question is around wasted EOIs - If there are people who don't claim EOIs invite if DOHA considers that EOI to be valid (and deduct the count from its assigned number) or that can be used for inviting someone else?

Example: Out of 1,000 invite, only 800 has responded to the invite and has taken further action. While rest 200 DOHA does not get any response. If DOHA will deduct 200 from its pool or its pool will still accommodate those 200 EOI's (wasted).

Answer

When an invitation is issued via SkillSelect, the intending migrant has 60 calendar days to lodge a visa application. An invitation will not necessarily result in a visa application being lodged.

The Department manages invitation rounds each month after careful consideration of the current processing pipelines, resourcing and totals already invited. Each invitation round can vary accordingly.