

Request for access to documents - Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)

On 8 December 2019, the Department received an FOI request from [REDACTED].

The applicant is seeking access to:

The numbers of Partner Visas (subclasses 100, 309, 801, 820), and Prospective Marriage Visas (subclass 300), that were finalised in the financial year 2018-19. Also the numbers of each of those above visa finalisations that were; (1) granted, (2) refused or (3) otherwise withdrawn etc.

Answer:

Partner visa finalisations in financial year 2018-19

Partner (Migrant) (subclass 100) visa	Grants	26,705
	Refusals	2,867
	Withdrawals	795
	Total finalisations	30,367
Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa	Grants	2,587
	Refusals	638
	Withdrawals	577
	Total finalisations	3,802
Partner (Provisional) (subclass 309) visa	Grants	15,991
	Refusals	1,934
	Withdrawals	465
	Total finalisations	18,390
Partner (Residence) (subclass 801) visa	Grants	26,312
	Refusals	2,751
	Withdrawals	1,520
	Total finalisations	30,583
Partner (Temporary) (subclass 820) visa	Grants	26,475
	Refusals	2,116
	Withdrawals	834
	Total finalisations	29,425

Note: Partner visa applications involve a two stage process, and the two applications must be lodged together. That is, the offshore Partner (Provisional) (subclass 309) visa is lodged with the Partner (Migrant) (subclass 100) visa; and the onshore Partner (Temporary) (subclass 820) visa is lodged with the Partner (Residence) (subclass 801) visa. The two applications are counted separately, and in the majority of cases decided at different times.

Caveats:

- *This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request. Any other use of the information provided will require consideration and clearance by Data Division, and a separate request should be made to Data Clearance.*
- *It is the responsibility of the area providing Department of Home Affairs information to external stakeholders to ensure that the disclosure is in accordance with the ABF Act, Australian Privacy Principles or other relevant legislation.*
- *With regards to Immigration data, the Department's current policy is to mask numbers which are less than five as <5, noting we are reviewing the confidentiality method for the future.*