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1) The annual figures of the total applications and approval for the Significant Investor Visa programme broken down by country of origin since the inception of the programme until the present, data could be specified as including either only main applicants or dependents and figures of the amount of the investment, broken down by type of investment, and the numbers for each type of investment.

### 1.0 Visa Subclass 188 Significant Investor Primary Visa Applications Lodged from 2012-13 to 2018-19 as at 31 October 2018 by Country of Citizenship

**Table 1.1:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment - Significant Investor Stream

Primary Visa Applications Lodged by Country of Citizenship – 2012-13

Citizenship Country	Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	279
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	5
Malaysia	<5
Vietnam	<5
Taiwan	<5
Japan	<5
United Kingdom	<5
United States of America	<5
Pakistan	<5
Singapore	<5
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	<5
Russian Federation	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>

**Table 1.2:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment - Significant Investor Stream

Primary Visa Applications Lodged by Country of Citizenship – 2013-14

Citizenship Country	Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	635
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	23
South Africa	8
Malaysia	7
United Kingdom	5
Russian Federation	<5
Japan	<5
Taiwan	<5
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	<5
Sri Lanka	<5
United States of America	<5
New Zealand	<5
Cambodia	<5
Vietnam	<5
Philippines	<5
France	<5
Israel	<5
Korea, South	<5
St Kitts and Nevis	<5
Canada	<5
Switzerland	<5
Papua New Guinea	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>708</b>

**Table 1.3: Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment - Significant Investor Stream**

Primary Visa Applications Lodged by Country of Citizenship – 2014-15

Citizenship Country	Total
China Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	1 378
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	48
Malaysia	20
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	13
Vietnam	11
South Africa	9
Japan	6
United States of America	5
Singapore	<5
Cambodia	<5
Taiwan	<5
Indonesia	<5
France	<5
United Kingdom	<5
Thailand	<5
Iran	<5
Russian Federation	<5
Germany, Fed Republic of	<5
Italy	<5
Canada	<5
Timor-Leste	<5
New Zealand	<5
Jordan	<5
India	<5
Egypt	<5
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	<5
Lebanon	<5
Kenya	<5
Korea, South	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,530</b>

**Table 1.4:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment - Significant Investor Stream

Primary Visa Applications Lodged by Country of Citizenship – 2015-16

Citizenship Country	Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	180
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	9
South Africa	5
United Kingdom	<5
Malaysia	<5
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	<5
St Kitts and Nevis	<5
Vietnam	<5
United States of America	<5
Cyprus	<5
Switzerland	<5
Uzbekistan	<5
Taiwan	<5
Japan	<5
Thailand	<5
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>

**Table 1.5:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment - Significant Investor Stream

Primary Visa Applications Lodged by Country of Citizenship – 2016-17

Citizenship Country	Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	375
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	16
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	8
South Africa	5
Vietnam	5
United States of America	5
Malaysia	<5
Taiwan	<5
Korea, South	<5
Sweden	<5
India	<5
United Kingdom	<5
Switzerland	<5
Indonesia	<5
Singapore	<5
Japan	<5
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	<5
Venezuela	<5
Brunei Darussalam	<5
Hungary	<5
Belgium	<5
Norway	<5
Russian Federation	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>440</b>

**Table 1.6:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment - Significant Investor Stream

Primary Visa Applications Lodged by Country of Citizenship – 2017-18

Citizenship Country	Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	296
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	21
Vietnam	11
South Africa	6
Malaysia	5
United Kingdom	<5
Singapore	<5
Japan	<5
Cambodia	<5
Canada	<5
Germany, Fed Republic of	<5
United States of America	<5
India	<5
Korea, South	<5
Antigua and Barbuda	<5
Thailand	<5
Papua New Guinea	<5
Portugal	<5
Timor-Leste	<5
Indonesia	<5
Cyprus	<5
France	<5
Philippines	<5
Taiwan	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>372</b>

**Table 1.7:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment - Significant Investor Stream

Primary Visa Applications Lodged by Country of Citizenship – 2018-19 to 31/10/2018

Citizenship Country	Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	108
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	<5
South Africa	<5
Vietnam	<5
Malaysia	<5
United Kingdom	<5
Germany, Fed Republic of	<5
United States of America	<5
St Kitts and Nevis	<5
Taiwan	<5
Indonesia	<5
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	<5
Singapore	<5
Philippines	<5
Cambodia	<5
Poland	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>

**2.0 Visa Subclass 188 Significant Investor Primary Visa Applications Granted from 2012-13 to 2018-19 as at 31 October 2018 by Country of Citizenship**

**Table 2.1:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment - Significant Investor Stream

Primary Visa Applications Granted by Country of Citizenship – 2012-13

Citizenship Country	Total
Japan	<5
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>

**Table 2.2:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment  
Significant Investor Stream

Primary Visa Applications Granted by Country of Citizenship – 2013-14

Citizenship Country	Total
China Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	246
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	10
South Africa	6
Malaysia	<5
United Kingdom	<5
Japan	<5
Russian Federation	<5
Vietnam	<5
Singapore	<5
France	<5
Sri Lanka	<5
Korea, South	<5
Taiwan	<5
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	<5
Israel	<5
Pakistan	<5
Cambodia	<5
New Zealand	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>286</b>

**Table 2.3:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment -  
Significant Investor Stream

Primary Visa Applications Granted by Country of Citizenship – 2014-15

Citizenship Country	Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	534
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	16
Malaysia	12
South Africa	5
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	<5
United States of America	<5
Vietnam	<5
United Kingdom	<5
Taiwan	<5
France	<5
Cambodia	<5
Russian Federation	<5
Lebanon	<5
Switzerland	<5
Sri Lanka	<5
Thailand	<5
Germany, Fed Republic of	<5
Canada	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>592</b>

**Table 2.4:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment - Significant Investor Stream

Primary Visa Applications Granted by Country of Citizenship – 2015-16

Citizenship Country	Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	482
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	10
Vietnam	8
Malaysia	8
South Africa	7
Japan	6
United States of America	<5
Singapore	<5
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	<5
United Kingdom	<5
Indonesia	<5
Italy	<5
Cambodia	<5
Thailand	<5
Taiwan	<5
Germany, Fed Republic of	<5
Korea, South	<5
Timor-Leste	<5
France	<5
Kenya	<5
Iran	<5
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	<5
Russian Federation	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>552</b>

**Table 2.5:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment - Significant Investor Stream  
Primary Visa Applications Granted by Country of Citizenship – 2016-17

Citizenship Country	Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	353
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	18
United States of America	<5
Vietnam	<5
South Africa	<5
United Kingdom	<5
Malaysia	<5
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	<5
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	<5
St Kitts and Nevis	<5
Indonesia	<5
India	<5
Cambodia	<5
Jordan	<5
Uzbekistan	<5
Taiwan	<5
Thailand	<5
Japan	<5
Switzerland	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>404</b>

**Table 2.6:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment - Significant Investor Stream

Primary Visa Applications Granted by Country of Citizenship – 2017-18

Citizenship Country	Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	139
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	11
South Africa	5
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	<5
Malaysia	<5
United Kingdom	<5
Vietnam	<5
India	<5
Japan	<5
Singapore	<5
Venezuela	<5
Belgium	<5
Brunei Darussalam	<5
Hungary	<5
United States of America	<5
Sweden	<5
Norway	<5
Taiwan	<5
Russian Federation	<5
Thailand	<5
Germany, Fed Republic of	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>

**Table 2.7:** Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment - Significant Investor Stream

Primary Visa Applications Granted by Country of Citizenship – 2018-19 as at 31 October 2018

Citizenship Country	Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	74
South Africa	<5
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	<5
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	<5
Singapore	<5
United Kingdom	<5
Vietnam	<5
Korea, South	<5
United States of America	<5
Japan	<5
Cambodia	<5
Malaysia	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>

**3.0 Amount of Investment broken down by the Type of Investment and the numbers for each type of Investment.**

<b>Table 3.1: Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment – Significant Investor Visa (SIV) - Total Complying Investments from 2012-13 to 2018-19 as at 31 October 2018. Visa applications lodged before 1 July 2015</b>	
Number of SIV Visa Grants (primary applicants) for applications lodged before 01/07/2015	1,643
SIV complying investment amount	\$5 million
<b>Total Amount Invested</b>	<b>\$8.215 billion</b>

<b>Table 3.2: Visa Subclass 188 Business Innovation and Investment – Significant Investor Visa (SIV) - Total Complying Investments from 2012-13 to 2018-19 as at 31 October 2018. Visa applications lodged on or after 1 July 2015</b>	
Number of SIV Visa Grants (primary applicants) for applications lodged on or after 01/07/2015	473
SIV complying investment amount	\$5 million
<b>Total Amount Invested</b>	<b>\$2.365 billion</b>

*Note 1. Complying investments are a requirement for primary applicants only.*

*Note 2: Due to privacy concerns, the Department is unable to comment on specific investments made by SIV visa holders.*

*Note 3: Departmental systems do not record details or the breakdown of an applicant's SIV investment portfolio.*

The SIV complying investment framework (CIF) was restructured in 2015.

For details on the SIV CIF please refer to Austrade's website at:

<https://www.austrade.gov.au/International/Invest/Guide-to-investing/Coming-to-Australia/Significant-and-Premium-Investor-Programs>

[https://www.austrade.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/5786/SIV\\_PIV\\_Complying\\_Investment\\_framework.pdf.aspx](https://www.austrade.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/5786/SIV_PIV_Complying_Investment_framework.pdf.aspx)

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