Freedom of Information request: FA19/01/00367

- 1. Policy document containing information about a letter support from the Czech government required to meet Migration Regulations, Schedule 1, item 1224A(3)(b)(iii) and Schedule 2, criterion 462.213, specifically:
 - i. What kind of organisation/institution issues this letter of support to be accepted by Department of Home Affairs for the purpose of a 462 visa application

Applicants from the Czech Republic are required to provide a letter of introduction from the Educational Institution in which they completed the required tertiary education for the grant of a Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa.

ii. Whether this organisation/institution/body can be operating outside the Czech Republic (and Department of Home Affairs would accept such a letter of support for the purpose of a 462 visa application)

For those applicants who study outside of the Czech Republic, this letter can be provided by the Educational institutions that they attended so as not to disadvantage applicants who had been educated overseas.

- iii. What information must be in this letter of support to be accepted by Department of Home Affairs for the purpose of a 462 visa application
- i. An educational institution either inside the Czech Republic or any other country that the applicant attended can issue the letter of support.
- ii. The institution can be operating outside the Czech Republic.
- iii. The letter must contain the following:
 - The applicants name
 - Date of birth

Lodged between 01/07/2018 and 31/12/2018

Departmental records do not hold this level of detail.

- Residential address
- Passport number
- Year in which study commenced
- Year in which study ceased

Validity of letter it is preferable that the information is in the letter format, example attached.

 Total number of applicants from the Czech Republic who applied for a 462 visa in the period 1 July 2018 - December 2018.

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3.	Total number of applicants from the Czech Republic who applied for a 462 visa in the period 1 July 2018 - 31 December 2018 and who had a letter of support from an educational institution operating in Australia and who used this letter as a letter of support from the Czech government i the period 1 July 2018 - 31 December 2018.
D	epartmental records do not hold this detail of information.
4.	Total number of applicants mentioned in the paragraph 3 above who were subsequently granted 462 visa as of today.