



FOI Request – FA 19/12/01191

On 20 December 2019, the Department received the following FOI request:

Part 3:

Offshore humanitarian visas - SHP

What is the number of people who have been granted a humanitarian visa under the Special Humanitarian Program since 1 July 2012, in circumstances where, at the time the visa was granted:

- (a) the proposer in Australia was a non-citizen who held a permanent visa and was (or had previously been) an unauthorised maritime arrival;
- (b) the proposer was a non-citizen who held (or had previously held) a humanitarian visa.

(Please provide separate details for these two categories)

Please provide details by the financial year in which the visas were granted.

A proposer’s citizenship status is not recorded as a part of the SHP application process. Therefore the tables prepared in response to this request include all applicants granted an SHP visa with a person proposer who may or may not have been an Australian Citizen at the time of proposing.

Response to (a)

Special Humanitarian Program visa grants to applicants with a proposer who was an Unauthorised Maritime Arrival, 2012–13 to 2019–20 (as at 20 January 2020)

2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20
0	20	10	13	<5	0	7	0

Response to (b)

Special Humanitarian Program visa grants to applicants with a person proposer*, 2012–13 to 2019–20 (as at 20 January 2020)

2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20
454	4,229	4,379	6,667	9,885	6,346	6,841	3,384

*Includes all SHP applicants with a person proposer who may or may not have been an Australian Citizen at the time of proposing.

Excludes Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals included in the table prepared for Part (a).

Data Notes:

- This information is provided by the Department of Home Affairs and was extracted from departmental systems on the dates outlined below. As data has been drawn from a dynamic system environment, the information is correct at the time of publication and figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting.
- 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.
- Data was extracted from departmental systems on 20 January 2020.