



## Freedom of Information Request: FA 20/05/00749

I am seeking statistics on the number of citizenship applications received by the Department relating to children born through international surrogacy arrangements by country of birth for the following five financial years: 2014/15 2015/16 2016/17 2017/18 2018/19. Please note, similar data relating to previous financial years (2009 to 2014) under an FOI request dated 24 May 2016 (FA16/05/02461; ADF 2016/23555) was released in full to the applicant 21 June 2016, and placed on the disclosure log.

Number of Australian citizenship by descent applications lodged for children born through surrogacy arrangements, by country of birth and financial year (from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019)					
Country of birth	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Argentina	<5	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	0	0	0	<5	0
Brazil	0	0	0	0	<5
Cambodia	0	<5	13	<5	0
Canada	<5	5	16	26	14
China*	0	<5	8	<5	5
Georgia	0	<5	8	9	16
Ghana	0	0	0	<5	0
Greece	0	0	<5	<5	<5
Hong Kong	0	0	0	<5	0
India	74	54	14	<5	<5
Iran	0	0	0	<5	0
Iraq	0	0	0	0	<5
Italy	0	0	<5	0	0
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	<5
Kazakhstan	<5	0	0	0	<5
Kenya	0	0	0	<5	5
South Korea	0	0	<5	0	0
Malaysia	<5	0	<5	<5	<5
Mexico	<5	11	6	0	<5
Nepal	<5	53	<5	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	0	0	<5
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	<5
Pakistan	0	0	0	0	<5
Panama	0	0	<5	0	0

Papua New Guinea	<5	<5	0	0	0
Poland	<5	0	0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	0	<5	0	<5
South Africa	<5	0	0	<5	0
Sri Lanka	0	0	0	0	<5
Switzerland	0	<5	0	0	0
Thailand	97	19	12	9	10
Ukraine	<5	<5	11	32	61
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	<5
United Kingdom	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
United States of America	57	49	66	67	95
Vietnam	0	0	0	<5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>232</b>

\* "China" denotes mainland China only and does not include the special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau.

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