



Freedom of Information Request: FA 20/08/00333

Questions

I request access to documents providing statistics and information on Partner processing times for applications decided in program year 2019/2020.

Specifically, but not confined to the following:

1. Subclass 309 applications:
 - a. Breakdown in time frames from application to grant of subclass 309 visas, for example number and percentage less than 6 months, number and percentage in 6-12 month time frame, number and percentage in 12-18 month time frame, number and percentage in 18-24 month time frame, number and percentage in 24 plus time frame.
 - b. Shortest processing time frame in which a subclass 309 visa application was decided in the 2019/2020 migration program year; together with distinguishing details such as country of passport and age.
 - c. Longest processing time frame for a subclass 309 visa application to be decided in the 2019/2020 migration program year; together with distinguishing details such as country of passport and age.
2. Subclass 820 applications:
 - a. Breakdown in time frames from application to grant of subclass 820 visas, for example percentage less than 6 months, percentage in 6-12 month time frame, percentage in 12-18 month time frame, percentage in 18-24 month time frame, percentage in 24 plus time frame.
 - b. Shortest processing time frame in which a subclass 820 visa application was decided in the 2019/2020 migration program year; together with distinguishing details such as country of passport and age.
 - c. Longest processing time frame for subclass 820 visa application to be decided in the 2019/2020 migration program year; together with distinguishing details such as country of passport and age.

Answers

Note: for the purposes of questions 1a and 2a, the Department does not report on processing times in the format requested, but rather uses percentile reporting.

For privacy reasons, the Department does not report at the individual application level. Therefore, the data requested for questions 1b, 1c, 2b and 2c cannot be provided.

1a.

In 2019-20, a total of 11,702 Partner (subclass 309) visa applications were granted.

The processing times at the 25th, 50th, 75th and 90th percentile for subclass 309 applications granted in 2019-20 were as follows:

	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
Partner (subclass 309)	9 months	11 months	15 months	19 months

1b.

As noted above, this data cannot be provided for privacy reasons.

1c.

As noted above, this data cannot be provided for privacy reasons.

2a.

In 2019-20, a total of 26,320 Partner (subclass 820) visa applications were granted.

The processing times at the 25th, 50th, 75th and 90th percentile for subclass 820 applications granted in 2019-20 were as follows:

	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
Partner (subclass 820)	14 months	17 months	21 months	27 months

2b.

As noted above, this data cannot be provided for privacy reasons.

2c.

As noted above, this data cannot be provided for privacy reasons.