

FOI request: 20/08/00731

The questions were:

- 1) How many GTI visas have you granted from the start of the granting period until 17th August 2020?
- 2) How many 858 visas have you granted from the start of the granting period until 17th August 2020?
- 3) What is the total number of visas available for GTI and 858 within the current granting period?
- 4) What is the rejection rate for both GTI and 858 visa from the granting period until 17th August 2020?

The response to questions 1, 2 and 4 is provided in the table below, with relevant notes underneath.

Visa Program	01/01/2020 - 14/08/2020	
	Visas granted	Refusal Rate
Global Talent (Independent) ¹	1328	0.30%
Distinguished Talent (Subclass 858) ²	860	1.79%

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2020 (BP0069B.01)

Notes:

1. The Global Talent (Independent) program includes the Distinguished Talent (Subclass 124) and (Subclass 858) visas, as well as the Employer Nomination Scheme (Subclass 186), Skilled - Independent (Subclass 189) and Skilled - Nominated (Subclass 190) visas.
2. Subclass 858 includes the Global Talent (Independent) and Distinguished Talent visa programs.
3. Subclass 858 visas granted and the refusal rate is included in the totals for Global Talent (Independent) and Distinguished Talent (Subclass 858).
4. Granting Period: Program Year 2020-2021.
5. Data provided to 14 August 2020 to align with departmental reports.
6. Data includes both primary and secondary applicants.

The response for question 3 is:

The planning level for Global Talent Independent (GTI) for Program Year (PY) 2019-2020 was 5,000 places. For PY 2020-21, the size and composition for the Migration Program will be considered as part of the delayed 2020-21 Budget process. This means that until the Migration Program is formally considered, the PY 2020-21 planning ceilings for total places available will be retained at the Migration Program planning levels for 2019-2020 (160,000 places).

Therefore, the planning level for GTI during this interim period, will remain at the same level as for PY 2019-2020 (5,000 places).