



FOI Request – FA 20/10/00685

On 14 October 2020, the Department received the following FOI request:

1. *The number of, and statistics in relation to, applications which the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre (“SHPC”) for each month from 1 July 2020 to 30 Sep 2020 inclusive -*
 - a. *Received;*
 - b. *Made a preliminary assessment of;*
 - c. *Deemed invalid;*
 - d. *Refused;*
 - e. *Transferred or referred to the relevant offshore processing post; or*
 - f. *Held at the SHPC pending communication for further transfers/referrals from the relevant offshore processing post as required in order for the post to deliver against its allocations.*
2. *The number under 1(e) above, by location of the relevant offshore processing post.*
3. *The number under 1(f) above, by location of the relevant offshore processing post.*
4. *The numbers under 1(a)-(f) above, by nationality of the primary applicant.*
5. *The number of, and statistics in relation to, Class XB visa grants by month from July 2020 to September 2020 inclusive, by nationality of the primary applicant.*

Note:

- Statistics provided for Parts 1-4 count applications, not applicants.
- It is important to note that applications may include more than one applicant.
- Publically available reports include statistics based on applicants, therefore statistic provided in this response may differ to those published elsewhere.

1. The number of, and statistics in relation to, applications which the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre (“SHPC”) from 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020 inclusive

	Applications
a. Received	1,801
b. Made a preliminary assessment of	1,801
c. Deemed invalid	47
d. Refused	1,493
e. Transferred or referred to the relevant offshore processing post	<5
f. Held at the SHPC pending communication for further transfers/referrals from the relevant offshore processing post as required in order for the post to deliver against its allocations*	4,038

* The ‘held’ cohort is not limited to those lodged between July 2020 and September 2020. Most applications held were lodged prior to this timeframe.

2. The number under 1(e) above, by location of the relevant offshore processing post.

Transferred to post	Applications
Dubai	<5
Kuala Lumpur	<5
Nairobi	<5
Total	<5

3. The number under 1(f) above, by location of the relevant offshore processing post.

Applications onhand at the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre as at 30 September 2020

'Transfer to' Post	Applications
Amman	1,261
Ankara	468
Bangkok	227
Beirut	633
Cairo	377
Dubai	340
Jakarta	39
Kuala Lumpur	97
Nairobi	490
NBI - Europe	11
New Delhi	80
Washington	15
Total	4,038

Notes:

1. 'Transfer to' Post identifies the Post responsible for further processing of an application based on the location of the applicant.
2. It is important to note that not all cases onhand will proceed to visa grant.

4. The numbers under 1(a)-(f) above, by nationality of the primary applicant.

a. Lodgements at the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre, by Citizenship between 1 July and 30 September 2020

Citizenship	Applications
Iraq	826
Iran	225
Syria	213
Afghanistan	153
Myanmar	110
Eritrea	87
Ethiopia	65
Democratic Republic of the Congo	29
Congo	16
Lebanon	13
Somalia	8
Bhutan	7
South Sudan	6
Stateless	5
Egypt	5
Pakistan	<5
Turkey	<5
Palestinian Authority	<5
South Africa	<5
Venezuela	<5
Liberia	<5
Jordan	<5
Rwanda	<5
Burundi	<5
Zimbabwe	<5
Saudi Arabia	<5
India	<5
Hong Kong	<5
Yemen	<5
Sudan	<5
United Kingdom	<5
Malawi	<5
Central African Republic	<5
Libya	<5
Nigeria	<5
Total	1,801

b. Made a preliminary assessment of at the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre, by Citizenship between 1 July and 30 September 2020

As per 4a.

c. Deemed invalid at the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre, by Citizenship between 1 July and 30 September 2020

Citizenship	Applications
Eritrea	10
Iran	10
Iraq	6
Syria	6
Ethiopia	5
Afghanistan	<5
Egypt	<5
Lebanon	<5
Pakistan	<5
Palestine	<5
South Sudan	<5
Yemen	<5
TOTAL	47

d.

**Refusals by the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre,
by Citizenship between 1 July and 30 June 2020**

Citizenship	Applications
Iraq	703
Iran	250
Myanmar	147
Syria	143
Ethiopia	63
Afghanistan	59
Eritrea	34
Democratic Republic of the Congo	28
Congo	17
Lebanon	7
Somalia	6
Burundi	6
Bhutan	6
Palestinian Authority	<5
Pakistan	<5
Yemen	<5
Liberia	<5
Egypt	<5
Turkey	<5
Sudan	<5
Nigeria	<5
Libya	<5
Cote D'Ivoire	<5
Stateless	<5
Jordan	<5
India	<5
Saudi Arabia	<5
United Kingdom	<5
China	<5
Zimbabwe	<5
South Africa	<5
South Sudan	<5
Total	1,493

e.

**Transferred or referred to the relevant offshore processing post,
by Citizenship between 1 July and 30 June 2020**

Citizenship	Applications
Afghanistan	<5
Turkey	<5
Myanmar	<5
Total	<5

f. **Held at the SHPC pending communication for further transfers/referrals from the relevant offshore processing post as required in order for the post to deliver against its allocations, by Citizenship as at 30 September 2020**

Citizenship	Applications
Iraq	1,695
Syria	441
Afghanistan	399
Myanmar	332
Ethiopia	283
Eritrea	247
Iran	213
Democratic Republic of the Congo	126
South Africa	89
Congo	63
Stateless	29
Burundi	22
Egypt	13
South Sudan	10
Palestinian Authority	10
Venezuela	9
Pakistan	5
Somalia	5
Rwanda	<5
Yemen	<5
Sudan	<5
Thailand	<5
Refugee other than UN Refugee	<5
Papua New Guinea	<5
Bhutan	<5
Lebanon	<5
China	<5
Uganda	<5
El Salvador	<5
Hong Kong	<5
Morocco	<5
Sierra Leone	<5
Kenya	<5
Cuba	<5
Jordan	<5
Turkey	<5
India	<5
Malawi	<5
Central African Republic	<5
Cameroon	<5
Liberia	<5
Total	4,038

The 'held' cohort is not limited to those lodged between July 2020 and September 2020. Most applications held were lodged prior to this timeframe.

5. The number of, and statistics in relation to, Class XB visa grants by month from July 2020 to September 2020 inclusive, by nationality of the primary applicant.

Visa grants to Offshore Humanitarian applicants, 01 July 2020 to 30 September 2020

Country of Origin	2020–21		
	July	August	September
Afghanistan	0	<5	46
Turkey	0	11	<5
Honduras	0	10	0
Myanmar	0	0	8
Colombia	7	0	0
El Salvador	<5	0	0
Jamaica	0	<5	0
Uganda	0	0	<5
Laos	0	<5	0
Iraq	<5	0	0
Syria	0	<5	0
Total	10	26	59

Notes:

1. The Citizenship of the principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.
2. Applications lodged in one program year may not be finalised in the same program year. Therefore, data relating to lodgements and finalisations (grants and refusals) in a program year cannot be directly compared.