FOI Request FA 20/10/01200

The FOI request is:

Question 1:

1. How many visa applications have been lodged under the global talent independent program (GTI), including subclass 124 and subclass 858, for 2019-2020 financial year and for 2020 financial year? please include only visa applications using GTI program, not all the applications under these 2 visa subclasses.

Proposed response to Question 1:

Migration program activity in the Global Talent (Independent) visa type - visa applications lodged from 1 July 2019 - data to 23/10/2020 - Subclass 124 and 858 applications lodged

		Financial Year	
Visa Category	Visa Subclass	2019-20	2020-21
Global Talent (Independent)	124 Distinguished Talent	824	1049
	858 Distinguished Talent	2821	1164
Grand Total		3645	2213

Question 2:

Of all GTI applications, please list the number of primary applicants group by nationality. For example, how many primary applicants are from UK, USA, India, China, etc.

Proposed response to Question 2:

Migration program activity in the Global Talent (Independent) visa type - visa applications lodged from 1 July 2019 - data to 23/10/2020 - All subclasses, all Financial Years, Primary Applicants only, Citizenship country

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Citizenship Country	Total
Iran	614
India	415
Bangladesh	405
United Kingdom	350
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	330
United States of America	165
Pakistan	122
Sri Lanka	113
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	98
Vietnam	94

Cote d'Ivoire	<5
Armenia	<5
Guyana	<5

Question 3:

3. Of all the lodged visa applications, how many have been approved, how many have been refused.

Proposed response to Question 3:

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Visa Category	Outcome	Total
Global Talent (Independent)	Granted	7148
	Withdrawn	66
	Refused	42
Global Talent (Independent) Total		7256

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.