Freedom of Information Request
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1. The number of partner visa applications on hand at the Australian Embassy China (Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai offices) as at 31 October 2020:

Reporting for the requested information is available on an end-of-month basis. As at 31 October 2020, a total of 1443 first stage Partner (subclass 309) and Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa applications were on hand at the Department’s visa processing offices in China (Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai).

2. The number of partner visa applications granted by the Australian Embassy China between 01 January 2020 and 31 October 2020:

Reporting for the requested information is available on a monthly basis and can be provided for the period commencing 1 January 2020 and ending on 31 October 2020. A total of 198 first stage Partner (subclass 309) and Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visas were granted at the Department’s visa processing offices in China (Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai) between 1 January 2020 and 31 October 2020. Note: As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, processing of Partner visa applications lodged by applicants in China during much of this period was undertaken in alternative processing locations outside China.

3. The number of partner visa applications refused by the Australian Embassy China between 01 January 2020 and 31 October 2020:

Reporting for the requested information is available on a monthly basis and can be provided for the period commencing 1 January 2020 and ending on 31 October 2020. A total of 29 first stage Partner (subclass 309) and Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa applications were refused at the Department’s visa processing offices in China (Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai) between January 2020 and 31 October 2020. Note: As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, processing of Partner visa applications lodged by applicants in China during much of this period was undertaken in alternative processing locations outside China.
4. The average processing time for partner visa applications assessed and decided by the Australian Embassy China for the financial year 01 June 2018 to 30 June 2019:

The Department’s standard reporting methodology for processing times is percentile based. The processing time at the 75th percentile for first stage Partner (subclass 309) and Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visas finalised at the Department’s visa processing offices in China (Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai) in financial year 2018-19 was 14 months, indicating 75 per cent of applications were processed within that timeframe.

5. The average processing time for partner visa applications assessed and decided by the Australian Embassy China for the financial year 01 June 2019 to 30 June 2020:

The Department’s standard reporting methodology for processing times is percentile based. The processing time at the 75th percentile for first stage Partner (subclass 309) and Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visas finalised at the Department’s visa processing offices in China (Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai) in financial year 2019-20 was 16 months.