



# Freedom of Information Request

## FA 20/11/00442

### **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 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.

#### **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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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.