



## Freedom of Information Request – FA 21/01/00324

1. The number of, and statistics in relation to, applications which the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre (“SHPC”) for each month from 1 October 2020 to 31 December 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 October 2020 to December 2020 inclusive, by nationality of the primary applicant.

Notes:

- Statistics provided for Parts 1-4 count applications, not applicants.
  - Applications may include more than one applicant.
- Publicly available reports include statistics based on applicants; therefore, statistics 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 October 2020 to 31 December 2020 inclusive**

	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
a. Received	569	820	712
b. Made a preliminary assessment of	569	820	712
c. Deemed invalid	72	21	17
d. Refused	410	472	214
e. Transferred or referred to the relevant offshore processing post	0	<5	492
<b>As at:</b>	<b>31 October 2020</b>	<b>30 November 2020</b>	<b>31 December 2020</b>
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*	4,132	4,389	4,160

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

Onhand numbers in the above table are as at the date indicated, and applications may be counted against multiple months.

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

Applications referred to the relevant offshore processing post,  
by Month – October to December 2020

Transferred to post	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
Amman	0	0	492
Nairobi	0	<5	0
Cairo	0	<5	0

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

Applications onhand at the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre, by 'Transfer to' Post

'Transfer to' Post	As at 31 October 2020	As at 30 November 2020	As at 31 December 2020
Amman	1,178	1,239	970
Cairo	434	591	755
Ankara	547	603	653
Nairobi	506	538	568
Beirut	648	545	375
Dubai	341	373	310
Bangkok	232	233	236
Kuala Lumpur	100	111	122
New Delhi	86	89	97
Jakarta	45	52	59
Washington	15	15	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,132</b>	<b>4,389</b>	<b>4,160</b>

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.

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

4. Onhand numbers in the above table are as at the date indicated, and applications may be counted against multiple months.

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

**a.**

**Lodgements at the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre,  
by Citizenship and Month – October to December 2020**

<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>October 2020</b>	<b>November 2020</b>	<b>December 2020</b>
Afghanistan	54	61	50
Bhutan	<5	<5	<5
Burundi	0	<5	0
China	<5	0	0
Congo	<5	<5	<5
Cote D'Ivoire	<5	0	0
Democratic Republic of the Congo	7	21	12
Egypt	<5	0	<5
Eritrea	73	276	329
Estonia	<5	0	0
Ethiopia	13	21	30
Gaza Strip	0	<5	0
Iran	111	77	55
Iraq	210	223	148
Lebanon	22	15	5
Liberia	0	<5	<5
Malawi	<5	0	0
Morocco	0	<5	0
Myanmar	22	47	30
Nepal	0	0	<5
Pakistan	<5	<5	<5
Palestinian Authority	<5	0	<5
Rwanda	0	0	<5
Sierra Leone	<5	0	0
Somalia	0	5	<5
South Sudan	<5	<5	<5
Stateless	0	<5	0
Sudan	<5	0	0
Syria	57	74	53
Thailand	<5	0	0
Turkey	<5	<5	0
Vietnam	0	<5	0
Yemen	<5	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>712</b>

**b. Made a preliminary assessment of at the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre, by Citizenship between 1 October and 31 December 2020**

As per 4a.

**c. Deemed invalid at the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre, by Citizenship and Month – October to December 2020**

Citizenship	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
Afghanistan	<5	<5	<5
Congo	6	0	0
Democratic Republic of the Congo	5	0	0
Eritrea	6	8	6
Ethiopia	<5	<5	0
India	<5	0	0
Iran	<5	<5	<5
Iraq	7	<5	<5
Ivory Coast	<5	0	0
Lebanon	5	0	0
Liberia	14	0	0
Myanmar	0	<5	0
Sierra Leone	15	0	0
Syria	<5	0	5
United Kingdom	0	<5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>

d.

Refusals by the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre,  
by Citizenship and Month – October to December 2020

Citizenship	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
Afghanistan	26	10	<5
Bhutan	0	<5	0
Burundi	0	<5	0
China	<5	0	0
Congo	<5	<5	<5
Democratic Republic of the Congo	<5	16	<5
Egypt	<5	0	0
Eritrea	13	50	15
Ethiopia	<5	10	34
Gaza Strip	0	<5	0
Iran	64	42	8
Iraq	212	164	116
Jordan	0	0	<5
Lebanon	21	6	6
Liberia	0	<5	0
Myanmar	21	26	8
Pakistan	<5	0	0
Palestinian Authority	<5	0	0
Sierra Leone	0	0	<5
Somalia	<5	<5	0
South Sudan	5	<5	0
Stateless	0	<5	<5
Syria	34	130	17
Turkey	0	<5	0
Vietnam	0	<5	0
Yemen	<5	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>214</b>

e.

Transferred or referred to the relevant offshore processing post,  
by Citizenship and Month – October to December 2020

Citizenship	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
Afghanistan	0	0	85
Egypt	0	<5	<5
Eritrea	0	<5	0
Ethiopia	0	<5	0
Iran	0	0	<5
Iraq	0	0	365
Pakistan	0	0	<5
Palestinian Authority	0	0	<5
Syria	0	0	37
Turkey	0	<5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>s. 47F(1)</b>	<b>s. 47F(1)</b>

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**

Citizenship	As at 31 October 2020	As at 30 November 2020	As at 31 December 2020
Afghanistan	424	466	418
Bhutan	<5	<5	<5
Burundi	22	25	25
Cameroon	<5	<5	<5
Central African Republic	<5	<5	<5
China	<5	<5	<5
Congo	58	48	48
Cote D'Ivoire	<5	<5	<5
Cuba	<5	<5	<5
Democratic Republic of the Congo	130	143	151
Egypt	13	12	11
El Salvador	<5	<5	<5
Eritrea	297	470	668
Estonia	<5	<5	<5
Ethiopia	290	296	281
Hong Kong	<5	<5	<5
India	<5	<5	<5
Iran	254	281	300
Iraq	1640	1686	1308
Jordan	<5	<5	0
Kenya	<5	<5	<5
Lebanon	7	10	10
Liberia	<5	<5	<5
Malawi	<5	<5	<5
Morocco	<5	<5	<5
Myanmar	340	352	369
Pakistan	5	7	5
Palestinian Authority	9	9	8
Papua New Guinea	<5	<5	<5
Refugee other than UN Refugee	<5	<5	<5
Rwanda	<5	<5	<5
Sierra Leone	<5	<5	<5
Somalia	5	7	9
South Africa	85	85	85
South Sudan	9	9	9
Stateless	29	29	29
Sudan	6	6	6
Syria	454	393	364
Thailand	6	6	6
Turkey	<5	<5	0
Uganda	<5	<5	<5
Venezuela	9	9	9
Yemen	<5	<5	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,132</b>	<b>4,389</b>	<b>4,160</b>

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

Visa grants to Offshore Humanitarian applicants,  
by Citizenship and Month – October to December 2020

Citizenship	October	November	December
Iraq	0	72	533
Syria	0	177	102
Eritrea	0	0	115
Venezuela	17	31	<5
Myanmar	0	16	32
Afghanistan	<5	14	14
Ethiopia	0	0	19
Cuba	<5	10	0
Colombia	9	0	0
Turkey	0	<5	0
Pakistan	0	<5	0
Egypt	0	0	<5
Guatemala	0	<5	<5
Iran	0	<5	0
Burundi	0	0	<5
Yemen	0	<5	0
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0	<5	0
Uganda	0	0	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>823</b>

**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.