



Freedom of Information Request: FA 21/03/00093

I wish to ascertain the number of onshore processing officers employed by the Department for each specified year (each financial year from 2010-11 until 2019-20), excluding policy and other staff not directly involved in physically processing visa applications, for all subclasses overall.

Response:

The number of onshore processing officers engaged in processing visa and associated applications (ie. nominations and sponsorships) for FY2014-15 to FY2019-20 is shown in the table below. Data is provided from FY2014-15 onwards as prior to 2014-15 the onshore / offshore split of staff numbers could not be calculated as the offshore component could not be identified and deducted from the total staff numbers.

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Total Onshore Visa Processing	1,510	1,533	1,512	1,346	1,233	1,231