



Freedom of Information request: FA 21/05/00448

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Request for access to documents - *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)*

On 7 May 2021, the Department received an FOI request seeking statistics held by the Department. Section 17 of the FOI Act applies.

- For all Labour Agreement types – Labour Agreements, and associated Nominations and Visa applications, for the last five financial years to date.
- For DAMA Labour Agreements – Labour Agreements, and associated Nominations and Visa applications, from commencement to date.

Labour Agreements lodgements, approvals, refusals and associated visa activity

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 to 31 May 2021
Requests for Labour Agreements					
Requests (lodgements)	249	184	308	475	368
Approvals	108	93	139	267	146
Declines (refusals)	43	41	60	60	146
On-hand @ 30 June	96	100	160	152	259
Visa activity under Labour Agreements					
Temporary visas granted	3,559	2,702	3,357	2,321	763*
Permanent visas granted	1,421	1,076	1,196	1,479	237*

* Visa activity for the 2020-21 program year to 31 May 2021 does not include secondary visa holder (dependent family members of the primary visa holder) data, as it is not currently available at this point in time.

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Labour Agreements lodgements, approvals, refusals and visa activity (primary holders only) by type of agreement – year to date.

Labour Agreement Activity – 2020/21 YTD - as at 31 May 2021							
Industry/LA type	Lodged	Approved	Declined	Returned	Withdrawn	Primary Temp Visas Granted	Primary Perm Visas Granted
Company Specific	56	15	24	<5	6	149	56
Advertising	6	<5	0	0	0	5	0
Industry – Dairy	<5	<5	0	0	0	6	<5
Industry – Fast Food	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industry – Fine Dining	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0
Industry – Fishing	10	10	<5	0	0	54	0
Industry – Horticulture	18	8	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Industry – Meat	11	5	<5	0	0	70	144
Industry – Minister of Religion	110	22	72	32	12	19	<5
Industry – On hire	11	9	5	0	<5	275	0
Industry – Other	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Industry – Pork	6	<5	<5	0	0	37	26
Designated Area Migration	110	44	35	<5	7	87	6
GTES – Established Business	20	20	<5	0	0	48	0
GTS – Start up	<5	<5	<5	0	0	9	0
Total	368	146	146	38	28	763	237

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Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) Labour Agreement lodgements, approvals, refusals and associated visa activity

LA Requests under DAMAs to 31 May 2021	2016-17*	2017-18*	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 as at 31 May 2021
Requests	22	21	27	174	110
Approvals	21	20	15	112	44
Declines (refusals)	0	<5	<5	5	35
On-hand at 30 June	3	3	12	62	81
Visa activity under DAMAs					
Temporary visas granted	46	56	37	174	281
Permanent visas granted	0	0	0	5	17

*In these financial years, only the NT DAMA (I) was in effect.

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		Adelaide City	Far North Queensland	Great South Coast	Northern Territory II	Orana	Regional SA	Kalgoorlie -Boulder Goldfields	Total
LA	Agreements Lodged	12	40	17	162	15	29	32	307
	Agreements Executed	6	13	13	99	<5	14	18	166
	Agreements Withdrawn	0	<5	<5	6	<5	<5	<5	13
	Agreements Declined/Refused	<5	9	<5	16	<5	9	<5	41
	Agreements Cancelled	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5
TSS visa	Primary Visas Granted	<5	9	10	130	<5	10	14	178
	Secondary Visas Granted	<5	8	<5	72	0	7	8	103
ENS visa	Primary Visas Granted	0	0	0	8	0	0	<5	9
	Secondary Visas Granted	0	0	0	7	0	0	<5	8

- It is the responsibility of the area providing Department of Home Affairs information to external stakeholders to ensure that the disclosure is in accordance with the ABF Act, Australian Privacy Principles or other relevant legislation.
- Regarding 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.

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