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Statistics of outcomes and processing times for 501 visa revocations, for past 2 years.

Table 1 – Outcomes of section 501 visa revocations since 2018/2019

Section 501 Not Revoked and Revoked Decisions			
	Not Revoked	Revoked	Total
2018/2019	332	235	567
2019/2020	452	252	704
2020/2021 as at 31 May 2021	405	138	543
Total	1189	625	1814

Table 2 – Average processing times for section 501 revocation requests since 2018/2019

Section 501 Average Number of Days for all Not Revoked and Revoked Decisions	
2018/2019	359 days
2019/2020	400 days
2020/2021 as at 31 May 2021	354 days

It is noted that the above figures are a statistical average for each year and that processing times vary considerably and are influenced by factors such as:

- requests for further documentation from external sources and the applicant;
- requests from the applicant for further time to provide additional information;
- Natural Justice timeframes; and

- the applicants term of imprisonment (average revocation processing time is not an accurate reflection of processing efficiency given that prisoners serving lengthy sentences are given lower priority).

Of the total number of s501 revocation outcomes since 2018/2019, 59% were decided within 12 months and 41% took longer than 12 months.

Caveat:

Figures were extracted from Departmental systems on 5 June 2021. As data has been drawn from a live systems environment the figures provided may differ slightly in previous or future reporting.