

**Questions:**

I would like to make a request for the following information for subclasses 188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) visa - Business Innovation stream, Investor stream and Significant Investor stream.

For applications finalised in 2021, by calendar month (i.e January, February, March, April, May, June, July & August 2021), for all processing offices:

1. The 25th, 50th, 75th and 90th percentile of processing times, in days, by processing office.
2. Number of applications on-hand, by processing office.
3. Number of applications finalised, by processing office, by month, as above.

**Caveats:**

- This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request. Any other use of the information provided will require consideration and clearance by Data Division, and a separate request should be made to s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
- 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.
- With regards to 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.

**Notes:**

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021 (internal documents).

Note: Count of finalisations includes visas that are granted, refused and withdrawn.

**Response:**

**Question 1**

Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional; subclass 188) visa 25th, 50th, 75th and 90th percentile processing times for visa streams Business Innovation, Investor and Significant Investor, from January 2021 to August 2021 by processing office.					
Processing Office	Activity Month	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
Adelaide	Jan-21	14 Months	23 Months	26 Months	28 Months
	Feb-21	15 Months	22 Months	26 Months	29 Months
	Mar-21	15 Months	21 Months	27 Months	30 Months
	Apr-21	16 Months	20 Months	27 Months	30 Months
	May-21	16 Months	21 Months	27 Months	30 Months
	Jun-21	17 Months	21 Months	27 Months	30 Months
	Jul-21	17 Months	22 Months	28 Months	31 Months
	Aug-21	18 Months	23 Months	27 Months	32 Months
Hong Kong	Jan-21	14 Months	20 Months	28 Months	31 Months
	Feb-21	16 Months	24 Months	31 Months	33 Months
	Mar-21	17 Months	24 Months	31 Months	33 Months
	Apr-21	17 Months	26 Months	32 Months	33 Months
	May-21	18 Months	26 Months	32 Months	34 Months
	Jun-21	19 Months	27 Months	31 Months	33 Months
	Jul-21	15 Months	20 Months	31 Months	34 Months
	Aug-21	11 Months	19 Months	30 Months	34 Months

Question 2

Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional; subclass 188) visas onhand as at 31 August 2021 under Business Innovation, Investor and Significant Investor streams by processing office.		
Processing Office	Visa Stream	Onhand
Adelaide	Business Innovation	8,339
	Investor	2,497
	Significant Investor	207
Hong Kong	Business Innovation	6,114
	Investor	4,850
	Significant Investor	917
National Office	Business Innovation	< 5

Question 3

Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional; subclass 188) visas finalised from 1 January 2021 to 31 August 2021 under Business Innovation, Investor and Significant Investor streams by processing office.									
Processing Office	Visa Stream	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Adelaide	Business Innovation	328	354	626	521	501	388	325	447
	Investor	43	72	88	64	82	60	124	97
	Significant Investor	15	9	46	56	18	29	33	27
Hong Kong	Business Innovation	340	353	616	491	529	645	358	388
	Investor	185	231	282	223	156	204	286	237
	Significant Investor	216	94	155	148	144	152	113	141