



FOI Request – FA 21/08/00815

Questions:

1. The number of, and statistics in relation to, applications which the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre ("SHPC") for each month from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 inclusive -
 - a. Received;
 - b. Made a preliminary assessment of;
 - c. Deemed invalid;
 - d. Refused;
 - e. Transferred or referred to the relevant offshore processing post;
 - 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.; and/or
 - g. Granted.
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 numbers under 1(g), i.e. the number of Class XB visa grants by month from April 2021 to June 2021 inclusive, by nationality of the primary applicant.
6. The numbers under 1(g), i.e., the number of Class XB visa grants by month from April 2021 to June 2021 inclusive, by average number of months for processing from lodgement to grant. That is, how long did such applications take to process (no. of months) from lodgement to grant
7. What is the total number of on hand/pending Class XB visa applications?

Response:

1. The number of, and statistics in relation to, applications which the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre ("SHPC") from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 inclusive

	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
a. Received	1,094	907	668
b. Made a preliminary assessment of	1,094	907	668
c. Deemed invalid	20	22	23
d. Refused	534	1,307	1,770
e. Transferred or referred to the relevant offshore processing post	175	14	164
g. Granted	455	234	1,010
As at:	30 April 2021	31 May 2021	30 June 2021
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*	4,626	4,432	3,913

*The 'held' cohort is not limited to those lodged between April 2021 and June 2021. Most applications held were lodged prior to this timeframe.

On-hand 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 – April to June 2021**

Transferred to post	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Amman	129	10	26
Ankara	45	0	5
Bangkok	0	0	19
Kuala Lumpur	0	<5	0
Jakarta	0	0	<5
Nairobi	<5	<5	107
New Delhi	0	0	<5
Washington	0	0	<5
Total	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)

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 30 April 2021	As at 31 May 2021	As at 30 June 2021
Amman	1583	1502	1325
Ankara	723	726	747
Bangkok	216	220	222
Jakarta	67	71	75
Kuala Lumpur	161	210	244
Nairobi	1739	1561	1165
New Delhi	128	134	127
Washington	9	8	8
Total	4,626	4,432	3,913

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 April 2021 and June 2021. 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 – April to June 2021

Citizenship	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Iran	323	185	121
Iraq	173	241	182
Eritrea	200	106	63
Myanmar	121	139	107
Syria	123	106	68
Afghanistan	63	54	57
Ethiopia	34	24	22
Lebanon	18	12	10
Congo	<5	14	8
Democratic Republic of the Congo	9	<5	<5
Sudan	<5	<5	5
Egypt	<5	<5	<5
Bhutan	<5	<5	<5
Stateless	<5	<5	<5
Pakistan	<5	<5	0
Somalia	0	<5	<5
Malaysia	<5	<5	0
Not yet recorded	0	0	<5
Palestinian Authority	<5	0	<5
Burundi	0	<5	<5
China	<5	0	0
Uganda	0	<5	0
Turkey	0	0	<5
Sri Lanka	<5	0	<5
Venezuela	0	0	<5
Yemen	0	0	<5
India	<5	<5	0
Rwanda	<5	0	0
Unknown	0	<5	0
United States of America	0	<5	0
Tunisia	<5	0	0
Vietnam	0	0	<5
South Sudan	0	<5	0
Thailand	0	<5	0
Morocco	0	<5	0
Hong Kong	0	0	<5
Total	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)

b. Made a preliminary assessment of at the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre, by Citizenship between 1 April and 30 June 2021

As per 4a.

c. Deemed invalid at the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre, by Citizenship and Month – April to June 2021

Citizenship	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Afghanistan	<5	<5	<5
Congo	<5	0	0
Egypt	0	<5	<5
Eritrea	<5	<5	<5
Ethiopia	0	<5	<5
Iran	7	5	10
Iraq	<5	<5	6
Myanmar	<5	<5	5
Sudan	0	<5	<5
Syria	<5	<5	<5
Somalia	<5	0	0
Yemen	0	<5	0
Liberia	0	<5	0
Lebanon	0	0	<5
USA	0	0	<5
Yemen	0	<5	0
Liberia	0	<5	0
Lebanon	0	0	<5
USA	0	0	<5
Total	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)

d.

**Refusals by the Special Humanitarian Processing Centre,
by Citizenship and Month – April to June 2021**

Citizenship	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Iraq	278	398	436
Eritrea	46	252	491
Iran	70	169	271
Syria	45	137	155
Myanmar	12	100	182
Ethiopia	<5	98	87
Afghanistan	44	49	66
South Africa	22	46	10
Lebanon	10	15	23
Congo	0	6	16
Sudan	<5	6	5
Palestinian Authority	<5	8	0
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0	7	<5
Egypt	0	<5	<5
Stateless	<5	0	<5
Burundi	0	<5	<5
Malaysia	<5	<5	<5
Somalia	0	<5	<5
South Sudan	0	<5	<5
Morocco	0	<5	<5
Pakistan	0	<5	<5
Sri Lanka	0	0	<5
Yemen	0	<5	0
Venezuela	0	0	<5
Uganda	0	0	<5
Thailand	0	0	<5
Libya	0	<5	0
United States Of America	0	0	<5
Bhutan	0	0	<5
Rwanda	<5	0	0
Vietnam	0	0	<5
Nigeria	0	<5	0
Not yet recorded	0	0	<5
Total	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)

e.

**Transferred or referred to the relevant offshore processing post,
by Citizenship and Month – April to June 2021**

Citizenship	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Afghanistan	<5	0	<5
Bhutan	0	0	<5
Burundi	0	0	<5
Cameroon	0	0	0
Congo	0	0	11
Cuba	0	0	<5
Democratic Republic of Congo	<5	<5	18
Egypt	0	0	7
Eritrea	0	0	15
Ethiopia	0	<5	51
India	0	0	<5
Iran	40	0	5
Iraq	120	8	12
Kenya	0	0	<5
Myanmar	0	<5	19
Pakistan	0	0	<5
Somalia	0	0	<5
South Sudan	0	0	<5
Rwanda	0	0	<5
Syria	13	<5	<5
Tibet	0	0	<5
Uganda	0	0	0
Venezuela	0	0	<5
Yemen	0	0	<5
Total	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)

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 30 April 2021	As at 31 May 2021	As at 30 June 2021
Afghanistan	408	414	420
Bhutan	14	15	15
Burundi	23	23	24
Cameroon	<5	<5	<5
Central African Republic	<5	<5	<5
China	<5	<5	<5
Congo	44	45	43
Democratic Republic of the Congo	160	157	160
Egypt	5	5	5
El Salvador	<5	<5	<5
Eritrea	1,011	948	596
Ethiopia	401	331	289
Hong Kong	<5	<5	<5
India	<5	<5	<5
Iran	367	397	421
Iraq	1,188	1,079	925
Lebanon	<5	<5	<5
Liberia	<5	<5	<5
Malawi	<5	<5	<5
Morocco	<5	<5	<5
Myanmar	408	463	493
Pakistan	9	11	14
Palestinian Authority	9	8	8
Papua New Guinea	<5	<5	<5
Refugee other than UN Refugee	<5	<5	<5
Rwanda	5	5	5
Somalia	<5	<5	<5
South Africa	63	17	7
South Sudan	<5	<5	<5
Stateless	33	34	31
Sudan	<5	<5	<5
Syria	434	432	401
Thailand	<5	<5	<5
Tunisia	<5	<5	<5
Uganda	<5	<5	6
Unknown	<5	<5	<5
Venezuela	6	6	6
Yemen	<5	<5	<5
Total	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)

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

4. The numbers under 1(q), i.e. the number of Class XB visa grants by month from April 2021 to June 2021 inclusive, by nationality of the primary applicant

**Visa grants to Offshore Humanitarian applicants,
by Citizenship and Month – April to June 2021**

Citizenship	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Iraq	130	36	284
Afghanistan	78	94	100
Myanmar	30	42	152
Pakistan	73	36	73
Iran	<5	6	151
Syria	65	14	37
Democratic Republic of the Congo	7	0	104
Stateless	58	0	34
Eritrea	7	0	13
Guatemala	0	0	15
Burundi	0	0	15
Congo	0	0	11
Honduras	<5	0	8
Somalia	0	8	0
Ethiopia	<5	0	<5
Colombia	0	<5	0
Venezuela	0	0	<5
Rwanda	0	0	<5
Yemen	0	<5	<5
El Salvador	0	0	<5
Trinidad & Tobago	0	<5	0
Palestinian Authority	<5	0	0
Sierra Leone	0	<5	0
South Sudan	0	0	<5
Total	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)	11C(1)(a)

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.

5. The numbers under 1(g), i.e., the number of Class XB visa grants by month from April 2021 to June 2021 inclusive, by average number of months for processing from lodgement to grant. That is, how long did such applications take to process (no. of months) from lodgement to grant.

	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Average Processing time (months)	19	20	20

6. What is the total number of on hand/pending Class XB visa applications?

As at 26 August 2021, **11,698** Class XB applications were undergoing processing globally.

Caveat:

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

Notes:

Statistics provided for Parts 1 a-f, 2-4 and 7 count applications, not applicants.

Applications may include more than one applicant.

Statistics provided for Parts 5 and 6 count applicants.

Publically available reports include statistics based on applicants; therefore, statistics provided in this response may differ to those published elsewhere