

Freedom of Information Request FA 21/08/01213

1. Business Innovation and Investment (Significant Investor Stream) applications and grants since 2012 by:

- Country of applicant
- State nominated
- Withdrawn/rejection rates
- Primary applicants only (not total number of visas granted)

2. Business Innovation and Investment (Investor Stream) applications and grants since 2012 by:

- Country of applicant
- State nominated
- Withdrawn/rejection rates
- Primary applicants only (not total number of visas granted)

Notes:

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

All responses include primary applicants only

Refusal rate is calculated as a percentage of grants and refusals, withdrawals are not included

Withdrawal rate is calculated as a percentage of all finalisations (grants, refusals and withdrawals)

The Department's current policy is to mask immigration data numbers which are less than five as <5, noting we are reviewing the confidentiality method for the future

Response:

Question 1

Business Innovation and Investment visas lodged under the Significant Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 July 2021 by citizenship country and Government sponsor.									
Citizenship Country	AusTrade	Australian Capital Territory	New South Wales	Queensland	South Australia	Tasmania	Victoria	Western Australia	Not Specified
Antigua and Barbuda			< 5	< 5			< 5		
Bangladesh							< 5		
Belgium	< 5		< 5						
Bosnia and Herzegovina							< 5		
Brazil			< 5						
Brunei Darussalam							< 5		
Cambodia			6	< 5			9	< 5	< 5
Canada	< 5		6		< 5		< 5		< 5
China, Peoples Republic of	27	< 5	1,526	193	94	6	2,707	91	739
Cyprus			< 5						< 5
Dominica									< 5
Egypt			< 5						
France	< 5		7	< 5				< 5	< 5
Germany, Fed Republic of	< 5		< 5	< 5				< 5	< 5
Grenada			< 5						< 5
Hong Kong	26	< 5	175	22	9	< 5	117	8	38
Hungary			< 5						< 5
India			< 5				< 5		< 5
Indonesia			5				5		
Iran			< 5				< 5		
Ireland, Republic of			< 5						
Israel				< 5					
Italy	< 5			< 5			< 5		< 5
Japan	< 5		12	6			6		< 5
Jordan			< 5						< 5
Kenya							< 5		< 5
Korea, South			< 5	6			< 5		
Lebanon			< 5						
Lithuania			< 5						
Macau			19	< 5	< 5		15	< 5	< 5
Malaysia			6	6	< 5		48	10	8
Malta							< 5		
Netherlands, Kingdom of The			< 5	< 5			< 5		< 5
New Zealand			< 5				< 5		
Norway			< 5						
Pakistan			< 5	< 5			< 5		
Papua New Guinea			< 5	< 5					
Philippines			< 5	< 5				< 5	
Poland	< 5							< 5	
Portugal							< 5		
Russian Federation	< 5		< 5	5	< 5				< 5

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Singapore	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5		8	< 5	< 5
South Africa	15	36	7			5	8	9
Sri Lanka	< 5	< 5				< 5		
St Kitts and Nevis	< 5	6	< 5			< 5		< 5
Sudan							< 5	
Sweden	< 5	< 5	< 5					
Switzerland	< 5	< 5						< 5
Taiwan	< 5	7	7			13		< 5
Thailand	< 5	6				< 5	< 5	< 5
Timor-Leste						< 5		< 5
Tonga						< 5		
United Kingdom	< 5	24	7	< 5		7	< 5	5
United States of America	< 5	18	< 5	< 5	< 5	8		< 5
Uzbekistan		< 5						< 5
Vanuatu						< 5		< 5
Venezuela			< 5					
Vietnam	< 5	28	7	< 5		31	< 5	11

Business Innovation and Investment visas granted under the Significant Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 July 2021 by citizenship country and Government sponsor.									
Citizenship Country	AusTrade	Australian Capital Territory	New South Wales	Queensland	South Australia	Tasmania	Victoria	Western Australia	Not Specified
Belgium	< 5		< 5						
Brunei Darussalam							< 5		
Cambodia			< 5				8	< 5	
Canada	< 5		< 5		< 5		< 5		
China, Peoples Republic of	10	< 5	979	115	45	< 5	1,735	56	< 5
France	< 5		6	< 5				< 5	
Germany, Fed Republic of			< 5	< 5				< 5	
Hong Kong	12	< 5	93	14	< 5		67	5	
Hungary			< 5						
India			< 5						
Indonesia			< 5				< 5		
Iran							< 5		
Ireland, Republic of			< 5						
Israel				< 5					
Italy	< 5			< 5			< 5		
Japan	< 5		10	6			6		
Jordan			< 5						
Kenya							< 5		
Korea, South			< 5	< 5			< 5		
Lebanon			< 5						
Lithuania			< 5						
Macau			11		< 5		12	< 5	
Malaysia			< 5	< 5	< 5		37	7	
Netherlands, Kingdom of The			< 5	< 5			< 5		
New Zealand							< 5		
Norway			< 5						
Pakistan							< 5		
Russian Federation			< 5	< 5	< 5				
Serbia							< 5		
Singapore	< 5		< 5		< 5		6	< 5	
South Africa	11		28	6			< 5	7	
Sri Lanka			< 5				< 5		
St Kitts and Nevis			< 5				< 5		
Sweden	< 5		< 5						
Switzerland			< 5						
Taiwan	< 5		< 5	< 5			7		
Thailand	< 5		5				< 5		
Timor-Leste							< 5		
United Kingdom	< 5		15	6	< 5		6	< 5	
United States of America	< 5		10	< 5	< 5	< 5	5		
Uzbekistan			< 5						
Vanuatu				< 5					
Venezuela				< 5					
Vietnam	< 5		15	< 5	< 5		18	< 5	

Withdrawal and refusal rates for Business Innovation and Investment visas finalised under the Significant Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 July 2021.	
Withdrawal rate	Refusal Rate
21.3%	13.3%

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Question 2

Business Innovation and Investment visas lodged under the Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 July 2021 by citizenship country and Government sponsor.								
Citizenship Country	New South Wales	Northern Territory	Queensland	South Australia	Tasmania	Victoria	Western Australia	Not Specified
Afghanistan						< 5	< 5	< 5
Antigua and Barbuda							< 5	
Argentina						< 5		
Austria			< 5				< 5	
Bangladesh	11		< 5	< 5		13	< 5	
Botswana						< 5		
Brazil	< 5	< 5	< 5					
Brunei Darussalam				< 5			< 5	
Cambodia	11		< 5	< 5		15	9	< 5
Canada	< 5		< 5				< 5	
Chile			< 5					
China, Peoples Republic of	571	< 5	368	137	5	1,348	81	107
Cyprus								< 5
Dominica			< 5					
Dominican Republic						< 5		
Egypt						< 5	< 5	
Fiji	< 5		< 5					< 5
Finland	< 5							
France	6		< 5	< 5			< 5	
Germany, Fed Republic of	< 5		12	< 5		< 5	< 5	< 5
Greece	< 5		< 5					< 5
Grenada	< 5							
Hong Kong	325		168	54	< 5	238	51	13
Hungary			< 5					
India	18		< 5	< 5		17	6	< 5
Indonesia	15		< 5			23	9	< 5
Iran	5		10	< 5		12	< 5	< 5
Iraq	< 5			< 5		< 5		< 5
Ireland, Republic of	< 5		< 5		< 5		< 5	< 5
Israel			< 5			< 5		< 5
Italy	< 5		< 5			< 5		
Japan	11		20			8		< 5
Jordan			< 5					
Kazakhstan			< 5				< 5	
Kenya							< 5	< 5
Korea, South	8		29	< 5	< 5	< 5		< 5
Kuwait	< 5							
Latvia	< 5							
Lebanon	< 5						< 5	
Libya							< 5	< 5
Lithuania						< 5		
Luxembourg			< 5					
Macau	7		6	< 5		6	< 5	< 5
Malawi			< 5					
Malaysia	17		15	18		103	75	37
Malta	< 5							
Mexico	< 5		< 5					
Myanmar						< 5		
Nepal	< 5							
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	< 5						< 5	< 5
New Zealand	< 5							
Norway	< 5							
Not Specified	< 5					< 5		
Pakistan	5		< 5	< 5		< 5		
Palestinian Authority	< 5					< 5		
Philippines			< 5					< 5
Poland	< 5							< 5
Portugal	< 5		< 5					
Romania			< 5					
Russian Federation	7		8	< 5		< 5	< 5	< 5
Saint Lucia			< 5					
Singapore	5		5	5		29	18	8
Solomon Islands			< 5					
South Africa	32		48	< 5	< 5	< 5	34	9
Spain			< 5					
Sri Lanka	< 5		< 5	< 5		5	< 5	

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St Kitts and Nevis	< 5	< 5					
Sudan	< 5						
Sweden	< 5	< 5			< 5		
Switzerland	< 5	5			< 5		< 5
Taiwan	9	80	7		24	< 5	8
Thailand	< 5		< 5			< 5	
Turkey	< 5				< 5		
Ukraine		< 5					
United Arab Emirates	< 5						
United Kingdom	31	24	< 5		8	21	< 5
United States of America	< 5	10			< 5	< 5	5
Vanuatu					< 5		
Venezuela					< 5		
Vietnam	158	88	45	< 5	254	26	53
Yemen, Republic of		< 5					
Zambia		< 5					
Zimbabwe					< 5		

Business Innovation and Investment visas granted under the Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 July 2021 by citizenship country and Government sponsor.

Citizenship Country	New South Wales	Queensland	South Australia	Tasmania	Victoria	Western Australia	Not Specified
Afghanistan					< 5	< 5	
Bangladesh	5						
Botswana					< 5		
Brazil		< 5					
Brunei Darussalam	< 5						
Cambodia	< 5		< 5		5	< 5	
Canada	< 5	< 5					
China, Peoples Republic of	145	83	26		549	23	
Egypt					< 5	< 5	
Fiji	< 5						
France	< 5	< 5	< 5				
Germany, Fed Republic of	< 5	6	< 5		< 5	< 5	
Greece		< 5					
Hong Kong	111	82	20	< 5	129	24	
India	< 5		< 5		< 5	< 5	
Indonesia	7	< 5			8	< 5	
Iran	< 5	< 5			< 5		
Iraq					< 5		
Ireland, Republic of		< 5					
Israel					< 5		
Italy	< 5						
Japan	7	14			7		
Jordan		< 5					
Kazakhstan		< 5					
Kenya						< 5	
Korea, South	< 5	12	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	
Libya						< 5	
Macau		< 5	< 5		< 5		
Malaysia	5	8	11		73	38	
Myanmar					< 5		
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	< 5						
New Zealand							< 5
Pakistan	< 5				< 5		
Palestinian Authority	< 5						
Philippines		< 5					
Poland	< 5	< 5					
Portugal	< 5						
Russian Federation	< 5	< 5				< 5	
Singapore	< 5	< 5			20	10	
Solomon Islands		< 5					
South Africa	11	27			< 5	16	
Sri Lanka					< 5		
Switzerland		5			< 5		
Taiwan	< 5	40	< 5		14	< 5	
Thailand	< 5						
Turkey	< 5				< 5		
United Kingdom	13	12	< 5		< 5	9	
United States of America		6				< 5	
Venezuela					< 5		
Vietnam	51	25	< 5		112	9	

Withdrawal and refusal rates for Business Innovation and Investment visas finalised under the Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 July 2021.

Withdrawal rate	Refusal Rate
21.9%	16.6%

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