

Questions

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Caveats

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Note 2: Annual reporting periods are reported by financial year not calendar year and are reported in this response as such.

Note 3: Refusal rate is calculated as a percentage of grants and refusals, withdrawals are not included.

Note 4: Withdrawal rate is calculated as a percentage of all finalisations (grants, refusals and withdrawals).

Note 5: Both Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional; subclass 188) and Business Innovation and Investment (Permanent; subclass 888) are included in this response.

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

Response

Question 1

Business Innovation and Investment visas lodged under the Significant Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 October 2021 by citizenship country and financial year for primary applicants only.										
Citizenship Country	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 to 31/10/2021
Antigua and Barbuda						<5	<5	<5	<5	
Bangladesh								<5	<5	
Belgium					<5				<5	
Bosnia and Herzegovina							<5			
Brazil									<5	
Brunei Darussalam					<5					<5
Cambodia		<5	<5			<5	<5	7	<5	<5
Canada		<5	<5			<5	<5		5	
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	279	635	1378	180	382	525	782	663	529	74
Cyprus				<5		<5			<5	
Dominica								<5		
Egypt			<5							
France		<5	<5			<5		5	<5	
Germany, Fed Republic of			<5			<5	<5	<5	<5	
Grenada							<5	<5		
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	5	23	48	9	17	29	43	93	119	21
Hungary						<5			<5	
India			<5			<5			<5	
Indonesia			<5		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Iran			<5						<5	
Ireland, Republic of							<5			
Israel		<5				<5				
Italy			<5				<5	<5		
Japan	<5	<5	6	<5	<5	6		6	5	
Jordan			<5						<5	
Kenya			<5					<5		
Korea, South		<5	<5		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	
Lebanon			<5							
Lithuania							<5			
Macau (SAR of the PRC)	<5	<5	13	<5	8	<5	6	5	6	<5
Malaysia	<5	7	20	<5	<5	7	19	8	10	8
Malta						<5				
Netherlands, Kingdom of The			<5	<5	<5			<5	<5	
New Zealand		<5	<5							
Norway					<5					
Pakistan	<5					<5	<5	<5		
Papua New Guinea		<5					<5			
Philippines		<5					<5	<5	<5	
Poland							<5		<5	
Portugal						<5		<5		
Russian Federation	<5	<5	<5		<5	<5	<5			<5
Singapore	<5		<5		<5	6	<5	<5	5	<5
South Africa		8	9	5	5	10	9	13	21	<5
Sri Lanka		<5				<5	<5	<5	<5	
St Kitts and Nevis		<5		<5			5	<5	<5	
Sudan										<5
Sweden					<5				<5	
Switzerland		<5		<5	<5				<5	
Taiwan	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	6	8	<5
Thailand			<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Timor-Leste			<5			<5		<5		
Tonga									<5	
United Kingdom	<5	5	<5	<5	<5	5	7	11	16	<5
United States of America	<5	<5	5	<5	5	<5	<5	5	14	<5
Uzbekistan				<5					<5	
Vanuatu							<5	<5	<5	
Venezuela					<5					
Vietnam	<5	<5	11	<5	6	13	11	24	14	<5

Business Innovation and Investment visas lodged under the Significant Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 October 2021 by government sponsor and financial year for primary applicants only.										
Government Sponsor	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 to 31/10/2021
AusTrade				5	<5	<5	8	20	62	8
Australian Capital Territory			<5			<5				
New South Wales	136	193	391	67	185	257	323	234	173	19
Queensland	23	33	62		27	49	42	30	24	<5
South Australia	<5	20	39	<5	7	12	18	7	9	<5
Tasmania		<5	<5		<5	<5		<5		
Victoria	123	445	999	138	221	278	488	251	121	16
Western Australia	15	16	34	<5	5	20	22	13	15	<5
Not Specified					<5	12	13	322	382	69

Business Innovation and Investment visas granted under the Significant Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 October 2021 by citizenship country and financial year for primary applicants only.										
Citizenship Country	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 to 31/10/2021
Antigua and Barbuda										<5
Belgium						<5				<5
Brunei Darussalam						<5				
Cambodia		<5	<5	<5	<5		<5	<5	5	<5
Canada		<5							<5	<5
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	<5	246	534	482	353	215	319	223	542	155
France		<5	<5	<5		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Germany, Fed Republic of			<5	<5		<5		<5		
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)		10	16	10	18	12	11	14	96	29
Hungary						<5				
India					<5	<5				
Indonesia				<5	<5				<5	
Iran				<5						
Ireland, Republic of								<5		
Israel		<5					<5			
Italy				<5				<5		
Japan	<5	<5		6	<5	5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Jordan					<5					
Kenya				<5						
Korea, South		<5		<5			<5	<5	<5	
Lebanon			<5							
Lithuania								<5		
Macau (SAR of the PRC)		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	7	
Malaysia		<5	12	8	<5	<5	10	<5	11	<5
Netherlands, Kingdom of The				<5	<5				<5	
New Zealand		<5					<5			
Norway						<5				
Pakistan		<5				<5				
Philippines										<5
Russian Federation		<5	<5	<5		<5	<5			<5
Serbia								<5		
Singapore		<5		<5		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
South Africa		6	5	7	<5	6	7	<5	17	6
Sri Lanka		<5	<5				<5	<5	<5	<5
St Kitts and Nevis						<5		<5		
Sweden						<5			<5	<5
Switzerland			<5		<5					
Taiwan		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5		<5	<5
Thailand			<5	<5	<5	<5		<5	<5	<5
Timor-Leste				<5			<5			
United Kingdom		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	6	<5	9	6
United States of America			<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	6	5
Uzbekistan					<5					
Vanuatu							<5			
Venezuela						<5				
Vietnam		<5	<5	8	<5	<5	10	5	8	5

Business Innovation and Investment visas granted under the Significant Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 October 2021 by government sponsor and financial year for primary applicants only.										
Government Sponsor	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 to 31/10/2021
AusTrade				<5	<5	<5		7	27	25
Australian Capital Territory				<5			<5			
New South Wales	<5	103	181	164	117	110	145	104	276	94
Not Specified							<5			
Queensland	<5	19	25	27	9	15	21	16	42	14
South Australia		8	9	8	12	<5	6	5	8	6
Tasmania				<5			<5		<5	
Victoria	<5	142	362	338	258	130	195	132	358	79
Western Australia		14	15	11	5	9	15	5	16	9

Withdrawal and refusal rates for Business Innovation and Investment visas finalised under the Significant Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 October 2021 by financial year.											
Applicant type		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 to 31/10/2021
Primary	Withdrawal Rate	50.0%	18.3%	14.9%	20.2%	30.0%	23.4%	19.7%	34.1%	17.5%	14.0%
	Refusal Rate	0.0%	12.0%	21.4%	21.7%	7.6%	11.5%	8.1%	10.6%	6.1%	9.6%

Question 2

Business Innovation and Investment visas lodged under the Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 October 2021 by citizenship country and financial year for primary applicants only.										
Citizenship Country	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 to 31/10/2021
Afghanistan				<5	<5	<5				<5
Antigua and Barbuda									<5	
Argentina								<5		
Austria						<5			<5	
Bangladesh		<5	<5	<5		7	9	5	6	
Botswana						<5			<5	<5
Brazil					<5			<5		
Brunei Darussalam						<5		<5		
Cambodia			<5	<5	<5	13	7	11	5	<5
Canada					<5		<5	<5	<5	<5
Chile								<5	<5	

China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	16	51	117	258	380	366	520	469	417	78
Cyprus						<5			<5	
Dominica										
Egypt		<5								
Fiji					<5			<5	<5	
Finland										
France	<5		<5			<5	<5	<5	<5	
Germany, Fed Republic of				<5		5	<5	<5	9	
Greece			<5					<5	<5	
Grenada							<5		<5	
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	<5	5	11	27	47	40	58	325	320	48
Hungary									<5	
India	<5		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	18	15	<5
Indonesia	<5		<5	<5	<5	10	7	11	17	<5
Iran	5	<5	<5	<5	<5	7	<5	<5	7	
Iraq		<5	<5			<5	<5	<5	<5	
Ireland, Republic of				<5		<5	<5	<5	<5	
Israel	<5		<5					<5	<5	
Italy								<5	<5	
Japan	7	<5	6	<5	5	8	<5	<5	6	
Jordan							<5			
Kazakhstan					<5			<5	<5	
Kenya			<5	<5			<5	<5	<5	
Korea, South	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	8	5	11	13	
Kuwait						<5				
Latvia						<5				
Lebanon								<5	<5	
Libya			<5					<5		
Lithuania									<5	
Macau (SAR of the PRC)		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	5	<5	6	<5
Malaysia	<5	18	31	40	27	30	30	42	43	8
Malta								<5		
Mexico			<5					<5		
Myanmar	<5					<5				<5
Nepal									<5	
Netherlands, Kingdom of The				<5	<5			<5	<5	
New Zealand								<5		
Norway									<5	
Pakistan					<5	<5	<5	<5		<5
Palestinian Authority				<5	<5					
Philippines		<5	<5	<5					<5	
Poland					<5					<5
Portugal			<5	<5			<5		<5	
Romania									<5	
Russian Federation	<5		<5	7	<5			5	<5	
Singapore	<5	5	5	8	<5	12	12	12	11	<5
Solomon Islands					<5					
South Africa	<5		<5	12	11	20	20	26	34	5
Spain				<5						
Sri Lanka						<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
St Kitts and Nevis				<5			<5	<5	<5	
Sudan					<5					
Sweden	<5						<5	<5		
Switzerland		<5		<5	<5		<5	<5	<5	
Taiwan		7	5	11	18	17	20	21	29	5
Thailand						<5	<5			<5
Turkey					<5	<5				<5
Ukraine		<5								
United Arab Emirates						<5				
United Kingdom	<5	5	<5	7	7	11	14	16	24	<5
United States of America		<5		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	9	<5
Vanuatu						<5	<5			
Venezuela					<5					<5
Vietnam	<5	7	20	28	76	85	100	161	139	27
Yemen, Republic of						<5				
Zambia							<5			
Zimbabwe						<5				
Malawi								<5		
Dominican Republic								<5		
Saint Lucia									<5	
Luxembourg									<5	
Not Specified						<5	<5			<5

Business Innovation and Investment visas lodged under the Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 October 2021 by government sponsor and financial year for primary applicants only.										
Government Sponsor	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 to 31/10/2021
New South Wales	<5	17	22	51	120	141	213	285	417	78
Northern Territory								<5	<5	
Queensland	20	21	37	63	95	123	129	178	279	10
South Australia	<5	10	11	13	18	10	45	100	86	9
Tasmania		<5						<5	<5	<5
Victoria	20	50	137	271	343	341	414	468	97	8
Western Australia	6	12	20	28	37	49	48	81	84	10
Not Specified						<5	<5	61	187	82

Business Innovation and Investment visas granted under the Investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31 October 2021 by citizenship country and financial year for primary applicants only.										
Citizenship Country	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 to 31/10/2021
Afghanistan						<5		<5		<5
Bangladesh							<5	<5		<5
Botswana								<5		
Brazil					<5					<5
Brunei Darussalam										<5
Cambodia				<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Canada					<5					<5
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)		<5	20	44	94	158	228	96	173	40
Egypt			<5							
Fiji						<5				
France		<5	<5	<5	<5		<5	<5	<5	<5
Germany, Fed Republic of						<5		<5	<5	
Greece				<5						<5
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)			<5	7	9	36	26	11	222	150
India				<5	<5	<5		<5	<5	<5

Indonesia		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	7	<5
Iran			<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Iraq			<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Ireland, Republic of				<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Israel				<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Italy				<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Japan		6	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Jordan				<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Kazakhstan				<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Kenya				<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Korea, South		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Libya				<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Macau (SAR of the PRC)				<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Malaysia	<5	<5	16	25	28	16	12	13	21	8
Myanmar		<5						<5		
Netherlands, Kingdom of The				<5	<5					
New Zealand				<5	<5				<5	
Pakistan					<5					
Palestinian Authority					<5					
Philippines					<5					
Poland					<5					<5
Portugal				<5	<5					
Russian Federation				<5	<5	<5	<5	<5		
Singapore		<5	5	5	<5	<5	<5	<5	8	<5
Solomon Islands				<5	<5					
South Africa		<5	<5	6	6	<5	11	8	15	11
Sri Lanka								<5	<5	
Sweden										<5
Switzerland			<5		<5	<5		<5	<5	
Taiwan			7	<5	8	11	11	10	10	<5
Thailand							<5			
Turkey					<5		<5			
United Kingdom	<5	<5	<5	7	<5	<5	5	<5	10	<5
United States of America			<5	<5	<5				<5	
Venezuela					<5					
Vietnam		<5	8	16	30	30	40	38	30	30

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Government Sponsor	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 to 31/10/2021	
New South Wales		<5	11	18	43	53	61	45	127	80	
Queensland		9	13	28	32	36	59	39	105	53	
South Australia	<5		<5	11	6	9	10	5	26	12	
Tasmania			<5					<5	<5		
Victoria		7	39	58	113	171	204	108	227	102	
Western Australia	<5	6	9	15	14	16	23	14	40	16	
Not Specified					<5						

Withdrawal and refusal rates for Business Innovation and Investment visas finalised under the investor stream from FY 2012-13 to 31st October 2021 by financial year.												
Applicant type		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 to 31/10/2021	
Primary	Withdrawal	0.0%	15.0%	25.4%	16.4%	19.1%	23.7%	19.3%	21.9%	25.7%	22.5%	
	Refusal	0.0%	26.5%	19.1%	20.2%	20.5%	18.1%	18.9%	24.6%	6.6%	11.4%	

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