Freedom of Information Request FA 21/11/00396

Questions:

(1) The number of Student visa (subclass 500) applications granted, refused, and on hand between 1 July 2019 and 31 October 2021 by education course level for Greece Passport holders - onshore applicants only.
(2) Visa grant processing time by activity month of lodgement for Greece Passport applicants applying for the Student visa (subclass 500) lodged between January to March 2020 - onshore applicants only.

Response to Q1
Onshore finalisations for Greek nationals 1 July 2019 – 31 October 2021

Sum of Finalised – 1 July 2019 to 31 October 2021			
Visa Subclass	**Visa Type**	**Outcome**	
500 Student	Higher Education Sector	Granted	27
	Higher Education Sector Total		27
	Independent ELICOS Sector	Granted	23
		Refused	<5
	Independent ELICOS Sector Total		27
	Postgraduate Research Sector	Granted	10
	Postgraduate Research Sector Total		10
	Schools Sector	Granted	<5
	Schools Sector Total		<5
	Vocational Education and Training Sector	Granted	231
		Refused	7
	Vocational Education and Training Sector Total		238
500 Student Total			304

On hand as at 31 October 2021 : 38

Response to Q2
Processing times by applicant location and nationality are no longer available. Unable to provide processing time for finalised applications based on month of lodgement as this would require an ad hoc data request. Processing time for each month Jan – March 2020 for all s/c 500 is provided below.

Start Date	End Date	Visa Subclass Code	Visa Category	Visa Subclass	Stream Code	Visa Type/Stream	75th Percentile	90th Percentile	75th PC (Calendar days)	90th PC (Calendar days)
1/01/2020	31/01/2020	500	Student	500 Student	43	Vocational Education and Training Sector	63 days	88 days	63	88
1/01/2020	31/01/2020	500	Student	500 Student	41	Independent ELICOS Sector	35 days	55 days	35	55
1/01/2020	31/01/2020	500	Student	500 Student	46	Non-Award Sector	10 days	21 days	10	21
1/01/2020	31/01/2020	500	Student	500 Student	47	Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector	18 days	55 days	18	55
1/01/2020	31/01/2020	500	Student	500 Student	44	Higher Education Sector	28 days	48 days	28	48
1/01/2020	31/01/2020	500	Student	500 Student	45	Postgraduate Research Sector	57 days	5 months	57	152
1/01/2020	31/01/2020	500	Student	500 Student	42	Schools Sector	42 days	69 days	42	69
1/02/2020	29/02/2020	500	Student	500 Student	44	Higher Education Sector	31 days	52 days	31	52
1/02/2020	29/02/2020	500	Student	500 Student	41	Independent ELICOS Sector	28 days	56 days	28	56
1/02/2020	29/02/2020	500	Student	500 Student	47	Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector	11 days	30 days	11	30
1/02/2020	29/02/2020	500	Student	500 Student	46	Non-Award Sector	21 days	45 days	21	45
1/02/2020	29/02/2020	500	Student	500 Student	43	Vocational Education and Training Sector	76 days	4 months	76	116
1/02/2020	29/02/2020	500	Student	500 Student	42	Schools Sector	76 days	4 months	76	113
1/02/2020	29/02/2020	500	Student	500 Student	45	Postgraduate Research Sector	74 days	5 months	74	140
1/03/2020	31/03/2020	500	Student	500 Student	43	Vocational Education and Training Sector	82 days	4 months	82	111
1/03/2020	31/03/2020	500	Student	500 Student	46	Non-Award Sector	46 days	74 days	46	74
1/03/2020	31/03/2020	500	Student	500 Student	47	Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector	8 days	21 days	8	21
1/03/2020	31/03/2020	500	Student	500 Student	41	Independent ELICOS Sector	32 days	76 days	32	76
1/03/2020	31/03/2020	500	Student	500 Student	45	Postgraduate Research Sector	81 days	4 months	81	116
1/03/2020	31/03/2020	500	Student	500 Student	44	Higher Education Sector	39 days	63 days	39	63
1/03/2020	31/03/2020	500	Student	500 Student	42	Schools Sector	86 days	4 months	86	120

Caveats :
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.