

# Freedom of Information Request FA 21-12-00241

## Questions:

1. Number of Case Officer assigned to process Sub Class 887 visa from Jul 2021 to Dec 2021.
2. Has departmental policy have been changed to prioritize finalizing applications of offshore applicants?
3. Number of SC887 granted from July 21 till date with onshore and offshore breakup.
4. Number of SC887 granted in FY2019-20 and in FY2020-21 till 30 Nov2021.

## Response:

### Question 1

The Department allocates resources flexibly to manage demand and on-hand levels for all visa types processed, as well as non-processing activities for which a business unit may be responsible. In addition, processing staff work across a range of skilled visas and are not allocated to processing a single visa subclass.

### Question 2

All 887 Skilled - Regional visa applications are considered in order of date of lodgement, unless an applicant has significant compassionate and compelling circumstances which may lead to the processing of a visa outside of date order.

### Question 3

Skilled - Regional (subclass 887) visa applications granted from 1 July 2021 to 30 November 2021 by client location at time of lodgement.		
Visa Subclass	Client Location	Granted
887 Skilled - Regional	In Australia	1,035
	Outside Australia	13

### Question 4

Skilled - Regional (subclass 887) visa applications granted from 1 July 2019 to 30 November 2021 by financial year.			
Visa Subclass	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 to 30/11/2021
887 Skilled - Regional	6,076	6,721	1,048

#### Caveats:

- 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.
- 2021-22 figures are subject to variation. The data is sourced from our global Departmental systems. There can be delays in transmission of information, therefore data for current program year should always be considered provisional.

#### Notes:

- Note: Includes both primary and secondary applicants.  
Note: Client location is at the time of visa application lodgement.