

Questions:

- 1) The amount of 190 visas that are waiting to be processed to date both onshore and offshore separate so I can see both numbers please
- 2) The list of order of occupation of which 190 visas are being processed as per the statement on the global processing times page for 190 visas what is the processing priority list please see below:
Applicants should be aware that points tested skilled migration visa applications that are not an occupation within a Critical Sector may exceed the average processing time.
This is because each visa subclass contains applications that have a different processing priority. Occupations within a critical sector are given highest processing priority.)
- 3) Of all the 190 visas awaiting decisions what percentage are over 19 months and how many are there
- 4) Of all the 190 visas awaiting decisions what percentage are over 24 months and how many are there

Caveats:

- This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request. Any other use of the information provided will require consideration and clearance by Data Division.
- 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.
- With regards to 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.
- 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 :

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2022 (internal documents).

Note: Includes both primary and secondary applicants.

Note: Skilled - Nominated (subclass 190) visas submitted under Global Talent are not included.

Response:

Question 1

Number of Skilled - Nominated (subclass 190) visa applications Onhand by client location at lodgement as at 22 April 2022		
Visa Subclass	Client Location at Lodgement	Total
190 Skilled - Nominated	In Australia	14,961
	Outside Australia	6,428

Question 2

Processing priorities

Skilled migration visa applications are processed according to Australian Government policy priorities, which are outlined in the Ministerial Directions. Applications for Skilled Migration visas are currently subject to Ministerial Direction 96, which replaced Direction 92 and came into effect on 5 April 2022.

Throughout the pandemic, the Australian Government has been committed to supporting businesses and individuals employed in critical sectors or with skills critical to Australia's response to COVID-19. As such, visa processing has been focused on prioritising the entry of those:

- providing critical or specialist medical services;
- with critical skills required to maintain the supply of essential goods and services;
- delivering services in sectors critical to Australia's economic recovery;
- providing critical skills in religious or theology fields;
- sponsored by an employer to work in Australia in an occupation on the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List (PMSOL); and
- whose entry would otherwise be in Australia's national interest, supported by the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority.

More information on Skilled visa processing priorities can be found on the Department's website at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/skilled-visa-processing-priorities>.

Question 3

*Onhand age data is only reported in age brackets and the closest available data point available to respond to this request is applications with a processing age of 18-24 months.
For Skilled – Nominated (subclass 190) applications, the number of onhand applications with a processing age of 18-24 months is 1,038 and represents 4.9 per cent of the overall onhand applications for Skilled – Nominated (subclass 190)
This figure is as at 22 April 2022.*

Question 4

*The upper onhand age bracket available for reporting is 24 months or over.
Nominated (subclass 190) visas with an onhand age over 24 months is 3,934 which represents 18.4 per cent of the overall onhand applications for Skilled – Nominated (subclass 190). This figure is as at 22 April 2022.*