



THE HON JULIAN HILL MP

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR CITIZENSHIP, CUSTOMS AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Ref No: MS25-001397

The Hon Michael Pettersson MLA
Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations
ACT Government
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Minister *Michael,*

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The Hon Steve Whan MP
Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education
Parliament of New South Wales
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 1 September 2025 to the Hon Tony Burke MP, Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, and Minister for Cyber Security, regarding state nominated visas and regional migration. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

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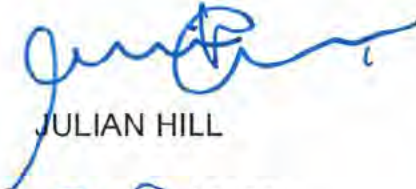
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The Hon Robyn Cahill OAM
Minister for International Education, Migration and Population
Parliament of Northern Territory
GPO Box 3146
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Minister

Robyn,

The Australian government is committed to working collaboratively with states and territories to enable stronger migration outcomes through improved coordination and data sharing. Working together will help to target the skills Australia needs to build our nation and enhance productivity while also aligning planning efforts across all governments including in infrastructure investment, housing and service delivery.

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The Hon Ros Bates MP
Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training
Parliament of Queensland
GPO Box 15483
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Minister

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 August 2025 regarding the role state nominated migration and skilled migration plays in supporting Queensland's economic growth.

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The Hon Susan Close MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy
Government of South Australia
GPO Box 11071
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Deputy Premier *Susan,*

Thank you for your letter of 26 August 2025 to the Hon Tony Burke MP, Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Minister for Cyber Security, regarding state nominated visas and regional migration. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

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The Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Skills and Training
Parliament of Tasmania
Level 5, 4 Salamanca Place
HOBART TAS 7000

Dear Minister

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The Hon Danny Pearson MP
Minister for Economic Growth and Jobs
Minister for Finance
Parliament of Victoria
PO Box 605
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Dear Minister *Danny,*

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The Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA
Minister for Skills and TAFE
Parliament of Western Australia
PO Box 62
MORLEY WA 6943

Dear Minister

I acknowledge correspondence from the Hon Roger Cook MLA, the Premier of Western Australia, to the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, on 18 August 2025 regarding state nominated migration and the Prime Minister's reply on 1 September 2025.

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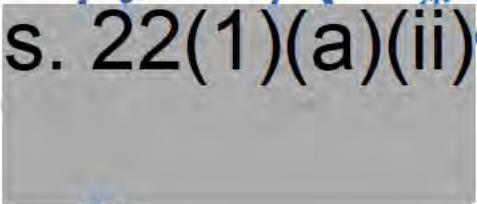


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Parl. Sec on 8 Sept.
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Dear SMOG members,

For your awareness, Assistant Minister Hill has requested we share an additional discussion paper on nomination allocations ahead of today's Ministerial Migration Roundtable meeting.

The paper includes proposed nomination allocations for each jurisdiction.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Director - Permanent Migration Planning Policy
Immigration Planning and Family Visa Policy Branch
Migration, Citizenship and Humanitarian Policy Division
Immigration Programs Group
Department of Home Affairs
P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)



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Background paper**Ministerial Migration Roundtable**

12 September 2025

AGENDA ITEM	TOPIC
5	Proposed Nomination Allocations
RECOMMENDED ACTION	
It is recommended that the Ministerial Migration Roundtable: 1. Discuss proposed nomination allocations set out at <u>Attachment A</u>	
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
• The nomination allocations for 2025–26 do not directly correlate to the number of visas that will be granted this year. • There are currently enough applications with the Department to meet the planning levels for visa grants for 2025–26. • The proposed approach to nomination allocations will help to reduce the volume of <u>new</u> visa applications and reduce processing times for the Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) and Skilled Work Regional (subclass 490) visas. Median processing times are currently between 18-24 months, which should ideally be reduced to under 12 months. • The proposed distribution between jurisdictions considers relative population size but recognises the reliance of smaller jurisdictions on state/territory nominated visa programs. • Larger jurisdictions receive a significantly greater share of skilled migrants through mainstream skilled migration programs including Employer Nomination Scheme (subclass 186) and the Skilled Independent (subclass 189) visa. • The proposal also addresses the lower allocation received by Queensland in 2024–25.	

ATTACHMENTS**Attachment A:** Proposed nomination allocations 2025–26Released by Department of Home Affairs
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Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa		
State/Territory	2024–25	s. 47C(1)
ACT	1,000	
NSW	3,000	
NT	800	
QLD	600	
SA	3,000	
TAS	2,100	
VIC	3,000	
WA	3,000	
TOTAL	16,500	

Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa		
State/Territory	2024–25	s. 47C(1)
ACT	800	
NSW	2,000	
NT	800	
QLD	600	
SA	800	
TAS	760	
VIC	2,000	
WA	2,000	
TOTAL	9,760	

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Attachment A – Proposed Nomination Allocations

	2024-25 distribution					Proposed 2025-26 distribution		
	Subclass 190 nomination allocation		Subclass 491 nomination allocation		State/territory total	Subclass 190 nomination allocation	Subclass 491 nomination allocation	State/territory total
ACT	1,000	6%	800	8%	1,800	s. 47C(1)		
NSW	3,000	18%	2,000	20%	5,000			
NT	800	5%	800	8%	1,600			
QLD	600	4%	600	6%	1,200			
SA	3,000	18%	800	8%	3,800			
TAS	2,100	13%	760	8%	2,860			
VIC	3,000	18%	2,000	20%	5,000			
WA	3,000	18%	2,000	20%	5,000			
Total	16,500	100%	9,760	100%	26,260			

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Mr Michael Pettersson MLA
Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations
ACT Government
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Minister *Michael*

Thank you for your recent engagement on the 2025–26 Migration Program and your participation at the Ministerial Migration Roundtable (MMR) on 12 September 2025. The Australian Government remains committed to collaborating with States and Territories on migration to strengthen the economy and support communities across the nation. I have attached a copy of the MMR communique to this letter.

As discussed at MMR, I am seeking your feedback on proposed nomination allocations for 2025–26 for the Australian Capital Territory:

Visa Category	Nominations
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	s. 47C(1)
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	

As we discussed at the meeting, I recognise the state and territory nominated visas are an important tool to attract and retain migrants. We also discussed the large pipeline of applications currently on-hand and that increases to nomination allocations would lead to longer processing times. I ask you to consider this when providing your feedback and note that changes to nomination allocations will not impact on the number of visas granted in 2025-26.

I am also seeking feedback on your jurisdiction's preference for subclass 190 visas over subclass 491 visas, as well as views on which elements of the multi-year migration planning model are most valuable for your jurisdiction.

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Ref No: MS25-003126

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Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education
Parliament of New South Wales
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

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ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Ref No: MS25-003126

The Hon Danny Pearson MP
Minister for Economic Growth and Jobs
Minister for Finance
Parliament of Victoria
PO Box 605
MOONEE PONDS VIC 3039

Dear Minister

Danny,

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Ref No: MS25-003126

The Hon Ros Bates MP
Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training
Parliament of Queensland
GPO Box 15483
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Minister *for,*

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Ref No: MS25-003126

The Hon Joe Szakacs MP
Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science
Government of South Australia
GPO Box 1533
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Minister

Congratulations on your appointment. I recently engaged with the Deputy Premier of South Australia, the Hon Susan Close MP, on the 2025–26 Migration Program and at the Ministerial Migration Roundtable (MMR) on 12 September 2025. The Australian Government remains committed to collaborating with States and Territories on migration to strengthen the economy and support communities across the nation. A copy of the MMR communique is attached to this letter.

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Congrats, and welcome!



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Ref No: MS25-003126

The Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA
Minister for Skills and TAFE
Parliament of Western Australia
PO Box 62
MORLEY WA 6943

Dear Minister

Amber-Jade

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Ref No: MS25-003126

The Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Skills and Training
Parliament of Tasmania
Level 5, 4 Salamanca Place
HOBART TAS 7000

Dear Minister

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Ref No: MS25-003126

The Hon Robyn Cahill OAM MLA
Minister for International Education, Migration and Population
Parliament of Northern Territory
GPO Box 3146
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Minister *Robyn*,

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Ref No: MS25-002885

The Hon Michael Pettersson MLA
Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations
ACT Government
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Minister

Michael,

Thank you for your recent correspondence and for your advocacy and engagement at the Ministerial Migration Roundtable (MMR). Please be assured that the number of visas available in 2025-26 remains exactly the same as in 2024-25. The planning levels for the state and territory nominated and regional categories have both been maintained at 33,000 places.

I appreciate the importance of state and territory nomination programs in supporting jurisdictions to meet their unique workforce and demographic needs. I have carefully considered feedback from all jurisdictions and am pleased to inform you of the final state and territory nomination allocation for the Australian Capital Territory for 2025-26, outlined below:

Visa Category	Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	800
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	800
Total	1,600

Accounting for interim allocations that were provided in August 2025, the remaining allocation for the Australian Capital Territory will be:

Visa Category	Interim Allocation	Remaining Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	85	715
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	80	720
Total	165	1,435

As outlined at our meeting and via officials, please be assured that nomination allocations do not determine the number of visas to be granted in the program year. Nomination allocations simply represent the number of new primary applicants each state and territory can nominate this year which are then added to the queue of existing applications in the on-hand caseload.

As mentioned in the Communique following our meeting, there is a pressing need to reduce processing times by better aligning the number of applications on hand with the number of visa places available, which has informed the total nomination allocations this year. Reducing processing times is very important so that the program remains an agile economic development tool for states and territories as well as being much better for and fairer to the applicants who you nominate.

Thank you again for your constructive engagement as we work together to maximise the value of this program. I look forward to continuing to work with states and territories on migration planning and reform.

I have instructed officials from the Department of Home Affairs to work closely with your officials to progress these initiatives. This includes developing a more coordinated approach to national migration planning incorporating state and territory migration plans. These plans will specify how migration programs will support jurisdictions' objectives and align migration planning with state and territory planning for workforce, infrastructure, housing and services. Ideally these plans will inform the development of the migration program from 2026-27 and officials can work together to develop the plans.

I also look forward to progressing negotiations on state and territory Designated Area Migration Agreements (DAMAs) to provide jurisdictions with more direct levers to manage local workforce and skill shortages over an extended horizon.

I look forward to hearing the progress of these reforms and discussing these issues with you at the next MMR in early 2026.

Yours sincerely



JULIAN HILL
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ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR CITIZENSHIP, CUSTOMS AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
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The Hon Steve Whan MP
Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education
Parliament of New South Wales
GPO Box 5341
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Steve,

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I appreciate the importance of state and territory nomination programs in supporting jurisdictions to meet their unique workforce and demographic needs. I have carefully considered feedback from all jurisdictions and am pleased to inform you of the final state and territory nomination allocation for New South Wales for 2025-26, outlined below:

Visa Category	Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	2,100
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	1,500
Total	3,600

Thank you for the feedback on New South Wales' desired split between the Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) and the Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visas. I have adjusted allocations based on this feedback.

Accounting for interim allocations that were provided in August 2025, the remaining allocation for New South Wales will be:

Visa Category	Interim Allocation	Remaining Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	200	1,900
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	180	1,320
Total	380	3,220

As outlined at our meeting and via officials, please be assured that nomination allocations do not determine the number of visas to be granted in the program year. Nomination allocations simply represent the number of new primary applicants each state and territory can nominate this year which are then added to the queue of existing applications in the on-hand caseload.

As mentioned in the Communique following our meeting, there is a pressing need to reduce processing times by better aligning the number of applications on hand with the number of visa places available, which has informed the total nomination allocations this year. Reducing processing times is very important so that the program remains an agile economic development tool for states and territories as well as being much better for and fairer to the applicants who you nominate.

Thank you again for your constructive engagement as we work together to maximise the value of this program. I look forward to continuing to work with states and territories on migration planning and reform.

I have instructed officials from the Department of Home Affairs to work closely with your officials to progress these initiatives. This includes developing a more coordinated approach to national migration planning incorporating state and territory migration plans. s. 47B(a)

These plans across jurisdictions will specify how migration programs will support local objectives and align migration planning with state and territory planning for workforce, infrastructure, housing and services. Ideally these plans will inform the development of the migration program from 2026-27 and officials can work together on any updates required.

I also look forward to progressing negotiations on state and territory Designated Area Migration Agreements (DAMAs) to provide jurisdictions with more direct levers to manage local workforce and skill shortages over an extended horizon.

I look forward to hearing the progress of these reforms and discussing these issues with you at the next MMR in early 2026.

Yours sincerely



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ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR CITIZENSHIP, CUSTOMS AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Ref No: MS25-002885

The Hon Robyn Cahill OAM MLA
Minister for International Education, Migration and Population
Parliament of Northern Territory
GPO Box 3146
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Minister *Robyn*

Thank you for your recent correspondence and for your advocacy and engagement at the Ministerial Migration Roundtable (MMR). Please be assured that the number of visas available in 2025-26 remains exactly the same as in 2024-25. The planning levels for the state and territory nominated and regional categories have both been maintained at 33,000 places.

I appreciate the importance of state and territory nomination programs in supporting jurisdictions to meet their unique workforce and demographic needs. I have carefully considered feedback from all jurisdictions and am pleased to inform you of the final state and territory nomination allocation for the Northern Territory for 2025-26, outlined below:

Visa Category	Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	850
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	800
Total	1,650

Accounting for interim allocations that were provided in August 2025, the remaining allocation for the Northern Territory will be:

Visa Category	Interim Allocation	Remaining Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	85	765
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	80	720
Total	165	1485

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Thank you again for your constructive engagement as we work together to maximise the value of this program. I look forward to continuing to work with states and territories on migration planning and reform.

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I acknowledge the leadership of the Northern Territory in the development and implementation of the NT Designated Area Migration Agreement that provides you with direct levers to manage local workforce and skill shortages over an extended horizon. This work has provided an excellent example for other jurisdictions to follow.

I look forward to hearing the progress of these reforms and discussing these issues with you at the next MMR in early 2026.

Yours sincerely



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ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR CITIZENSHIP, CUSTOMS AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Ref No: MS25-002885

The Hon Ros Bates MP
Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training
Parliament of Queensland
GPO Box 15483
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Minister *Ros,*

Thank you for your recent correspondence and for your advocacy and engagement at the Ministerial Migration Roundtable (MMR). Please be assured that the number of visas available in 2025-26 remains exactly the same as in 2024-25. The planning levels for the state and territory nominated and regional categories have both been maintained at 33,000 places.

I appreciate the importance of state and territory nomination programs in supporting jurisdictions to meet their unique workforce and demographic needs. I have carefully considered feedback from all jurisdictions and am pleased to inform you of the final state and territory nomination allocation for Queensland for 2025-26, outlined below:

Visa Category	Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	1,850
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	750
Total	2,600

Thank you for the feedback on Queensland's desired split between the Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) and the Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visas. I have adjusted allocations based on this feedback.

Accounting for interim allocations that were provided in August 2025, the remaining allocation for Queensland will be:

Visa Category	Interim Allocation	Remaining Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	130	1,720
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	120	630
Total	250	2,350

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As mentioned in the Communique following our meeting, there is a pressing need to reduce processing times by better aligning the number of applications on hand with the number of visa places available, which has informed the total nomination allocations this year. Reducing processing times is very important so that the program remains an agile economic development tool for states and territories as well as being much better for and fairer to the applicants who you nominate.

Thank you again for your constructive engagement as we work together to maximise the value of this program. I look forward to continuing to work with states and territories on migration planning and reform.

I have instructed officials from the Department of Home Affairs to work closely with your officials to progress these initiatives. This includes developing a more coordinated approach to national migration planning incorporating state and territory migration plans. These plans will specify how migration programs will support jurisdictions' objectives and align migration planning with state and territory planning for workforce, infrastructure, housing and services. Ideally these plans will inform the development of the migration program from 2026-27 and officials can work together to develop the plans.

I also look forward to progressing negotiations on state and territory Designated Area Migration Agreements (DAMAs) to provide jurisdictions with more direct levers to manage local workforce and skill shortages over an extended horizon.

I look forward to hearing the progress of these reforms and discussing these issues with you at the next MMR in early 2026.

Yours sincerely



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ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR CITIZENSHIP, CUSTOMS AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Ref No: MS25-002885

The Hon Joe Szakacs MP
Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science
Government of South Australia
GPO Box 1533
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Dear Minister *Joe,*

Thank you for your recent correspondence and for your advocacy and engagement at the Ministerial Migration Roundtable (MMR). Please be assured that the number of visas available in 2025-26 remains exactly the same as in 2024-25. The planning levels for the state and territory nominated and regional categories have both been maintained at 33,000 places.

I appreciate the importance of state and territory nomination programs in supporting jurisdictions to meet their unique workforce and demographic needs. I have carefully considered feedback from all jurisdictions and am pleased to inform you of the final state and territory nomination allocation for the South Australia for 2025-26, outlined below:

Visa Category	Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	1,350
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	900
Total	2,250

Thank you for the feedback on South Australia's desired split between the Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) and the Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visas. I have adjusted allocations based on this feedback.

Accounting for interim allocations that were provided in August 2025, the remaining allocation for SA will be:

Visa Category	Interim Allocation	Remaining Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	100	1,250
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	100	800
Total	200	2,050

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Thank you again for your constructive engagement as we work together to maximise the value of this program.

Looking ahead, AUKUS is expected to deliver higher paid jobs for Australia which will change the areas of demand for skills shortage areas in the labour market. The Commonwealth is committed to ensuring the labour market needs arising from AUKUS are met, seizing the economic opportunities to come. I look forward to continuing to work with states and territories on migration planning and reform.

I have instructed officials from the Department of Home Affairs to work closely with your officials to progress these initiatives. This includes developing a more coordinated approach to national migration planning incorporating state and territory migration plans. These plans will specify how migration programs will support jurisdictions' objectives and align migration planning with state and territory planning for workforce, infrastructure, housing and services. Ideally these plans will inform the development of the migration program from 2026-27 and officials can work together to develop the plans.

I acknowledge the leadership of South Australia in the development and implementation of the SA Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) that provides you with direct levers to manage local workforce and skill shortages over an extended horizon. This work has provided an excellent example for other jurisdictions to follow.

I look forward to hearing the progress of these reforms and discussing these issues with you at the next MMR in early 2026.

Yours sincerely



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ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR CITIZENSHIP, CUSTOMS AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Ref No: MS25-002885

The Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Skills and Training
Parliament of Tasmania
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Dear Minister *Felix,*

Thank you for your recent correspondence and for your advocacy and engagement at the Ministerial Migration Roundtable (MMR). Please be assured that the number of visas available in 2025-26 remains exactly the same as in 2024-25. The planning levels for the state and territory nominated and regional categories have both been maintained at 33,000 places.

I appreciate the importance of state and territory nomination programs in supporting jurisdictions to meet their unique workforce and demographic needs. I have carefully considered feedback from all jurisdictions and am pleased to inform you of the final state and territory nomination allocation for Tasmania for 2025-26, outlined below:

Visa Category	Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	1,200
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	650
Total	1,850

Thank you for the feedback on Tasmania's desired split between the Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) and the Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visas. I have adjusted allocations based on this feedback.

Accounting for interim allocations that were provided in August 2025, the remaining allocation for Tasmania will be:

Visa Category	Interim Allocation	Remaining Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	85	1,115
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	80	570
Total	165	1685

As outlined at our meeting and via officials, please be assured that nomination allocations do not determine the number of visas to be granted in the program year. Nomination allocations simply represent the number of new primary applicants each state and territory can nominate this year which are then added to the queue of existing applications in the on-hand caseload.

As mentioned in the Communique following our meeting, there is a pressing need to reduce processing times by better aligning the number of applications on hand with the number of visa places available, which has informed the total nomination allocations this year. Reducing processing times is very important so that the program remains an agile economic development tool for states and territories as well as being much better for and fairer to the applicants who you nominate.

Thank you again for your constructive engagement as we work together to maximise the value of this program. I look forward to continuing to work with states and territories on migration planning and reform.

I have instructed officials from the Department of Home Affairs to work closely with your officials to progress these initiatives. This includes developing a more coordinated approach to national migration planning incorporating state and territory migration plans. These plans will specify how migration programs will support jurisdictions' objectives and align migration planning with state and territory planning for workforce, infrastructure, housing and services. Ideally these plans will inform the development of the migration program from 2026-27 and officials can work together to develop the plans.

I also look forward to progressing negotiations on state and territory Designated Area Migration Agreements (DAMAs) to provide jurisdictions with more direct levers to manage local workforce and skill shortages over an extended horizon.

I look forward to hearing the progress of these reforms and discussing these issues with you at the next MMR in early 2026.

Yours sincerely



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ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR CITIZENSHIP, CUSTOMS AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

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The Hon Danny Pearson MP
Minister for Economic Growth and Jobs
Minister for Finance
Parliament of Victoria
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Dear Minister

Danny

Thank you for your recent correspondence and for your advocacy and engagement at the Ministerial Migration Roundtable (MMR). Please be assured that the number of visas available in 2025-26 remains exactly the same as in 2024-25. The planning levels for the state and territory nominated and regional categories have both been maintained at 33,000 places.

I appreciate the importance of state and territory nomination programs in supporting jurisdictions to meet their unique workforce and demographic needs. I have carefully considered feedback from all jurisdictions and am pleased to inform you of the final state and territory nomination allocation for Victoria for 2025-26, outlined below:

Visa Category	Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	2,700
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	700
Total	3,400

Thank you for the feedback on Victoria's desired split between the Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) and the Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visas. I have adjusted allocations based on this feedback.

Accounting for interim allocations that were provided in August 2025, the remaining allocation for Victoria will be:

Visa Category	Interim Allocation	Remaining Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	200	2,500
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	180	520
Total	380	3020

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Thank you again for your constructive engagement as we work together to maximise the value of this program. I look forward to continuing to work with states and territories on migration planning and reform.

I have instructed officials from the Department of Home Affairs to work closely with your officials to progress these initiatives. This includes developing a more coordinated approach to national migration planning incorporating state and territory migration plans. s. 47B(a)

These plans across jurisdictions will specify how migration programs will support local objectives and align migration planning with state and territory planning for workforce, infrastructure, housing and services. Ideally these plans will inform the development of the migration program from 2026-27 and officials can work together on any updates required.

I also look forward to progressing negotiations on state and territory Designated Area Migration Agreements (DAMAs) to provide jurisdictions with more direct levers to manage local workforce and skill shortages over an extended horizon.

I look forward to hearing the progress of these reforms and discussing these issues with you at the next MMR in early 2026.

Yours sincerely



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ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR CITIZENSHIP, CUSTOMS AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Ref No: MS25-002885

The Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA
Minister for Skills and TAFE
Parliament of Western Australia
PO Box 62
MORLEY WA 6943

Dear Minister

Amber-Jade,

Thank you for your recent correspondence and for your advocacy and engagement at the Ministerial Migration Roundtable (MMR). I also acknowledge the letter of 7 October 2025 from the Hon Roger Cook MLA, Premier of WA, to the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, on this issue. Please be assured that the number of visas available in 2025-26 remains exactly the same as in 2024-25. The planning levels for the state and territory nominated and regional categories have both been maintained at 33,000 places.

I appreciate the importance of state and territory nomination programs in supporting jurisdictions to meet their unique workforce and demographic needs. I have carefully considered feedback from all jurisdictions and am pleased to inform you of the final state and territory nomination allocation for Western Australia for 2025-26, outlined below:

Visa Category	Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	2,000
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	1,400
Total	3,400

The Australian Government has taken on board the Western Australian Government's feedback regarding the 2025-26 State nominated migration program. There will be no reduction in the number of visas granted nationally under this program in 2025-26. The Commonwealth is on track to grant well over 5,000 visas for Western Australia nominated applicants in 2025-26 across the Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa and the Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa categories.

Western Australia's share of new nominations for 2025/26 will remain over 17% of the national total, more than 50% above WA's share of the national population, recognising WA's strong economy and labour market. As well, the Commonwealth has adjusted the balance of new nominations to better align with Western Australia's preferred composition of 60% for Subclass 190 visa and 40% for the Subclass 491 visa. This results in a further 150 in permanent Subclass 190 nominations for 2025-26 which will help to attract the highest calibre skilled migrants.

Western Australia also continues to outperform in uptake by WA businesses taking advantage of employer-sponsored Skills in Demand (subclass 482) visa and Temporary Work (skilled) visa (subclass 457), receiving over 15% of the national total of visas granted. This reflects the state's strong economic performance, particularly in the mining and resources sectors.

Looking ahead, AUKUS is expected to deliver higher paid jobs for Australia which will change the areas of demand for skills shortage areas in the labour market. The Commonwealth is committed to ensuring the labour market needs arising from AUKUS are met, seizing the economic opportunities to come.

Accounting for interim allocations that were provided in August 2025, the remaining allocation for Western Australia will be:

Visa Category	Interim Allocation	Remaining Allocation
Skilled Nominated (subclass 190) visa	180	1,820
Skilled Work Regional (subclass 491) visa	150	1,250
Total	330	3,070

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