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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade
Foreign Affairs and Aid Subcommittee
Inquiry into certain aspects of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Annual
Report 2019-20 - Myanmar

QoN Number: 01

Subject: Temporary Visa Holders by cohort

Asked by: Dave Sharma

Question:

CHAIR: Thank you, Mr Willard. We might move to questions now. I'll kick off. Whilst we've got you, Mr Willard, could you give us a rough breakdown of the main categories of visa holder?

Mr Willard: Certainly. The largest group is student visa holders. That figure is 3,384, the precise number, as at 31 March 2021.

CHAIR: That's total visa holders?

Mr Willard: That's total temporary visa holders in Australia. Just over 1,500 of those are student visa holders. There's a number around 760 on bridging visas. There's a cohort who are on crew and transit visas, and, typically, these are visas that are issued to maritime sea workers. There's also a number on a range of other temporary visas, whether they be the temporary graduate visa, which is a visa available after they complete their studies; the temporary skilled employment visa, which is an employer sponsored visa; visitor visas; and temporary protection visas. Would you like the full breakdown?

CHAIR: You might take it on notice, if you're happy to provide that to the secretariat afterwards.

Answer:

Myanmar temporary visa holders (primary and secondary) inside Australia as at 31 March 2021	
Bridging	763
Crew and Transit	309
Other Temporary	19
Student	1,504
Temporary Protection	278
Temporary Resident (Other Employment)	229
Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	160
Visitor	122
Total	3,384