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Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Inquiry into the efficacy, fairness, timeliness and costs of the processing and granting
of visa classes which provide for or allow for family and partner reunions

25 June 2021

QoN Number: 05

Subject: Waiting times for Visa 62 and Visa 41

Asked by: Kim Carr

Question:

CHAIR: Of the grants you've made, the 62 and the 41, how long were they waiting?

Mr Willard: There's 4,500 in the parent. The 62 is—I think we have some queue dates.

Ms Bjerregaard: That was specifically to the age dependent relative and the remaining relative.

CHAIR: Take that on notice.

Mr Willard: They are on our website.

CHAIR: I'm sure they are, but we're always more accurate if we get it back from you.

Mr Kefford: We'll bring that breakdown across, across those capped cohorts, the queue date, the time and that on-hand number.

Answer:

Parent

Applications for Parent (Subclasses 103 & 804) visas granted in program year 2020-21 include applications lodged since June 2006.

Applications for Contributory Parent (Subclasses 173, 143, 884 & 864) visas granted in program year 2020-21 include applications lodged since October 2012.

Finalised Parent visa applications may have a wide range of original lodgment and queue release dates. The timeframe between lodgment, queue date and finalisation date of applications in any one program year may be influenced by a range of factors. These include queue release date, applicant's ability to meet visa criteria eg health and character, applications re-registered as a result of an applicant moving from a non-contributory parent to contributory parent visa, changes related to withdrawal of sponsorship of an individual applicant on an application and cases remitted from the AAT or decided by Ministerial Intervention.

Current Parent category queue release dates are published on the Department of Home Affairs website and are as follows:

- Parent visa (Subclass 103) - October 2010
- Aged Parent visa (Subclass 804) - December 2012
- Contributory Parent visas (Subclasses 143, 173, 884 and 864) - May 2016.

Other Family

Applications for Carer (Subclasses 116 & 836) visas granted in program year 2020-21 include applications lodged since April 2013.

Applications for Aged Dependent Relative (Subclasses 114 & 838) visas granted in program year 2020-21 include applications lodged since April 2009.

Applications for Remaining Relative (Subclasses 115 & 835) visas granted in program year 2020-21 include applications lodged since September 2008.

Applications for Orphan Relative (Subclasses 117 & 837) visas granted in program year 2020-21 include applications lodged since December 2015.

Finalised Other Family visa category applications may have a wide range of original lodgment and queue release dates. The timeframe between lodgment, queue date and finalisation date of applications in any one program year may be influenced by a range of factors. These include queue release date, applicant's ability to meet visa criteria eg health and character, changes related to withdrawal of sponsorship of an individual applicant on an application and cases remitted from the AAT or decided by Ministerial Intervention.

Current Other Family category queue release dates are published on the Department of Home Affairs website and are as follows:

- Aged Dependent Relative (Subclasses 114 and 838) - August 2011.
- Carer visa (Subclasses 116 and 836) - October 2017.
- Remaining Relative visa (Subclasses 115 and 835) - August 2011.
- Orphan Relative visa (Subclasses 117 and 837) – queue release dates not applicable as this visa is capped but not queued.

The data provided is at 30 June 2021.