

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES SPILL-OVER
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**Home Affairs Portfolio
Department of Home Affairs**

Program 2.3: Visas

Question number and title: BE18/302 - Bridging visas

Senator Kim Carr asked:

1. Please provide the number of people were on bridging visas as of 31 March 2018.
 - a. Please provide a breakdown of visa subclass these individuals held prior to being granted a bridging visa.
 - b. Please provide the number of people on these bridging visas who have pending applications for a permanent visa – skilled, family reunion or otherwise.
2. Please provide the number of people were on bridging visas as of 30 June 2018.
 - a. Please provide a breakdown of visa subclass these individuals held prior to being granted a bridging visa.
 - b. Please provide the number of people on these bridging visas who have pending applications for a permanent visa – skilled, family reunion or otherwise.

Answer:

Question 1: There were 194,879 people on bridging visas as of 31 March 2018.

Question 1a:

Bridging visa holders in Australia by last substantive visa held

Last Visa Held - Visa Category	31-Mar-18
Student	69,307
Visitor	59,107
Temporary Resident (Skilled)	16,016
Offshore Humanitarian	15,590
Temporary Resident (Other)	11,751
Working Holiday Maker	10,779
Family	4,683
Unknown	3,702
Skilled	2,847
Other Temporary	588
Crew and Transit	316
Onshore Protection	94

Resident Return/Australian Declaratory Visa (ADV)	37
Child	31
Other Permanent	12
Special Category	11
Travel Authority	8
Total	194,879

Question 1b: On 31 March 2018, the number of people on bridging visas who had pending applications for a permanent visa was 123,799.

Question 2: There were 176,219 people on bridging visas as of 30 June 2018.

Question 2a:

Bridging visa holders in Australia by last substantive visa held

Last Visa Held - Visa Category	30-Jun-18
Visitor	63,504
Student	45,787
Temporary Resident (Skilled)	16,046
Offshore Humanitarian	14,741
Temporary Resident (Other)	13,222
Working Holiday Maker	10,548
Family	4,508
Skilled	2,860
Other Temporary	558
Crew and Transit	347
Onshore Protection	100
Resident Return/ADV	36
Child	28
Other Permanent	12
Special Category	10
Travel Authority	6
Special Eligibility	<5
Unknown	3,905
Total	176,219

Question 2b: On 30 June 2018, the number of people on bridging visas who had pending applications for a permanent visa was 128,817.