

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES
FEBRUARY 2025**

**Home Affairs Portfolio
Department of Home Affairs**

Program 2.3: Refugee Humanitarian, Settlement and Migrant Services

AE25-104 - Fast Track Caseload - Visas Granted

Senator Fatima Payman asked:

Given the Minister's express interest in resolving the Fast Track caseload, how many Afghan bar lift applicants who withdrew their court matters on the instruction of the Department because of the operation of the Schedule 1 amendments under Migration Amendment (Transitioning TPV/SHEV Holders to Resolution of Status Visas) Regulations 2023, and subsequently lodged a third protection visa application, have been granted:

1. a TPV?
2. a SHEV?
3. a RoS?
4. What is the average processing time for each of the above?

Answer:

As at 31 January 2025, 19,932 have been granted a RoS visa.

- Of this cohort, 4,302 Afghan nationals hold a RoS visa.

As at 31 January 2025, 976 have been granted a TPV or a SHEV and have a RoS application in progress.

- Of this cohort:
 - 95 Afghan nationals hold a TPV, and
 - 239 Afghan nationals hold a SHEV.

As at 31 January 2025, 2,119 RoS, TPV and SHEV applications remain on hand for processing.

- Of this cohort there 628 Afghan nationals who have applications with the Department.

As at 31 January 2025:

- the average processing time for a RoS visa decided since 14 February 2023 is 409 days; and
- the average processing time for a TPV or SHEV decided in FY2024-25 is 2,278 days.

The Department is unable to provide a further breakdown of data for Afghans who have had a bar lift and their processing times.