

Question on notice no. 79

Portfolio question number: AE22-079

2021-22 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 14 February 2022

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a. To the best of the Department's ability, please provide a breakdown of these applicants by client location.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 2.2: Visas

AE22-079 - Partner Visa Applicants (Subclass 300 and 309) in Afghanistan

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a. To the best of the Department's ability, please provide a breakdown of these applicants by client location.

Answer:

The table below provides a breakdown of Partner (subclass 309) and Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa applications onhand for Afghan citizens as at 31 January 2022, by current client location (in or outside Australia) and by the declared country of residence of applicants at the time that they lodged their visa application.

Departmental systems do not capture changes in the offshore country of residence of an applicant, unless the applicant has notified the Department of this change. Some clients in the table below may no longer be located in the country of residence declared on their visa application. Departmental systems do capture whether an applicant has entered, and remains in, Australia since lodging their application.

Partner (subclass 309) and Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa applications onhand for citizens of Afghanistan as at 31 January 2022, by current client location and country of residence as stated by client at time of application lodgement		
Current client location	Residence Country of client when application lodged	Applications onhand ¹ as at 31/01/2022
In Australia	Afghanistan	289
	Australia	64
	India	<5
	Iran	9
	Kuwait	<5
	Netherlands, Kingdom of The	<5
	Pakistan	10
	United Arab Emirates	<5
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Partner (subclass 309) and Prospective Marriage (subclass 300) visa applications onhand for citizens of Afghanistan as at 31 January 2022, by current client location and country of residence as stated by client at time of application lodgement

Current client location	Residence Country of client when application lodged	Applications onhand ¹ as at 31/01/2022
	In Australia Total	633
Outside Australia	Afghanistan	1085
	Australia	66
	Austria	<5
	Denmark	<5
	Falkland Islands	<5
	Finland	<5
	France	<5
	Germany, Fed Republic of	15
	Greece	<5
	India	6
	Indonesia	19
	Iran	489
	Italy	<5
	Kuwait	<5
	Kyrgyzstan	<5
	Malaysia	7
	New Zealand	<5
	Norway	<5
	Pakistan	1163
	Russian Federation	<5
	Saudi Arabia	<5
	Sweden	5
	Switzerland	<5
	Syrian Arab Republic	<5
	Turkey	8
	United Arab Emirates	16
	United Kingdom	<5
United States of America	<5	
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	Outside Australia Total	7,134
Grand Total		7,767

¹ Includes primary and secondary applicants. To protect the privacy of applicants, figures are masked where totals for the specified period are less than 5.

² Onhand applications where the residence country at time of lodgement displays as 'blank' are, in the significant majority (98.6 per cent) of cases, for secondary applicants (e.g. dependent children) where the residential country has only been recorded for the primary applicant.