

**Question on notice no. 45**

**Portfolio question number: BE22-045**

**2022-23 Budget estimates**

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio**

**Senator Nick McKim:** asked the Department of Home Affairs on 19 April 2022—

Please provide the Committee an update of how many Afghan nationals are waiting for their partner visa application (subclass 300 and subclass 309) to be processed?

Please provide a breakdown by:

- a. client location;
- b. gender;
- c. Whether they are a child or adult.

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

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

**Program 2.2: Visas**

**BE22-045 - Partner Visa Applicants (Subclass 300 and 309) in Afghanistan**

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- b. gender;
- c. Whether they are a child or adult.

*Answer:*

a.

<b>Partner (subclasses 300 and 309) visa applications onhand<sup>1</sup> for Afghan nationals by client location, as at 31 March 2022</b>		
<b>Current client location</b>	<b>Residence Country (at time of application)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Applications onhand (as at 31/03/2022)</b>
<b>In Australia</b>	Afghanistan	264
	Australia	121
	Pakistan	10
	Iran	8
	Finland	<5
	India	<5
	Netherlands, Kingdom of The	<5
	United Arab Emirates	<5
	Not recorded <sup>3</sup>	191
<b>In Australia Total</b>		<b>598</b>
<b>Outside Australia</b>	Pakistan	1,151
	Afghanistan	1,044
	Iran	509
	Australia	67
	Indonesia	16
	United Arab Emirates	16
	Germany, Fed Republic of	15
	Turkey	9
	India	7
	Malaysia	6
	United Kingdom	5

Partner (subclasses 300 and 309) visa applications onhand <sup>1</sup> for Afghan nationals by client location, as at 31 March 2022		
Outside Australia	Kuwait	<5
	Austria	<5
	Denmark	<5
	Sweden	<5
	France	<5
	Greece	<5
	Italy	<5
	Saudi Arabia	<5
	Switzerland	<5
	Syrian Arab Republic	<5
	United States of America	<5
	Falkland Islands	<5
	Kyrgyzstan	<5
	New Zealand	<5
	Norway	<5
	Russian Federation	<5
Tajikistan	<5	
Not recorded <sup>3</sup>	4,149	
<b>Outside Australia Total</b>	<b>7,027</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,625</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Includes primary and secondary applicants.

<sup>2</sup> The Department is unable to report on the current location of clients located offshore, as this is not captured by departmental systems. Therefore, these clients may now be located in or outside the country in which they were resident at the time that they lodged their application.

<sup>3</sup> In the vast majority (98.8 per cent) of cases, 'Not recorded' relates to secondary applications (e.g. dependent children) where the residential country has only been recorded for the primary applicant.

To protect the privacy of applicants, figures are masked where totals for the specified period are less than 5.

As data is drawn from a dynamic system environment, the information is correct at the time of publication and figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting.

b.

Partner (subclasses 300 and 309) visa applications onhand <sup>1</sup> for Afghan nationals by gender, as at 31 March 2022	
Gender	Applications onhand (as at 31/03/2022)
Female	4,667
Male	2,953
Not Specified	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,625</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes primary and secondary applicants.

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<b>Partner (subclasses 300 and 309) visa applications onhand<sup>1</sup> for Afghan national adults and children, as at 31 March 2022</b>	
Adults (18 years plus)	2,961
Children (less than 18 years)	4,640
Not recorded <sup>2</sup>	24
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>7,625</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes primary and secondary applicants.

<sup>2</sup> Date of birth has not been recorded for the visa applicant in departmental systems. The majority (21) of these 24 results are for secondary applicants. In the vast majority of cases, secondary applicants are dependent children aged under 18, but in rare circumstances secondary applicants may be adults (e.g. a young adult still dependent on the principal applicant/their parent).

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