

Question on notice no. 180

Portfolio question number: OBE22-180

2022-23 Budget estimates October and November

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 18 November 2022

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From 1 January 2013 to 13 October 2022, please provide the following information:

- the average time as a whole it took the Department of Home Affairs to finalise an application for a permanent protection visa made by a non-Fast Track Applicant for a Class XA protection visa. Please provide this information by yearly breakdown;
- the total number of Class XA permanent protection visa applications processed by the Department of Home Affairs by yearly breakdown;
- the number of Non Fast Track Applicants which have been granted a protection visa by the Department of Home Affairs and the number of Non Fast Track Applicants which have been refused a protection visa by the Department of Home Affairs; and
- please provide this information by a yearly breakdown of cases.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

Revised answer received 20 May 2024.

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Program 2.2: Visas

OBE22-180 - Visa Processing - Permanent Protection Visa

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- d. please provide this information by a yearly breakdown of cases.

Answers:

- a. Average processing times for permanent Protection (subclass 866) visas from lodgement to primary decision for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 August 2022:

Program year	Average number of days to primary decision
2012-2013	433
2013-2014	459
2014-2015	567
2015-2016	699
2016-2017	833
2017-2018	933
2018-2019	334
2019-2020	508
2020-2021	727
2021-2022	841
2022-2023	1,076

- b. Number of permanent Protection (subclass 866) visa decisions for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 August 2022:

Program year	Total
2012-2013	2,542
2013-2014	10,270
2014-2015	8,457
2015-2016	8,803
2016-2017	12,958
2017-2018	14,925
2018-2019	14,700
2019-2020	16,853
2020-2021	14,249
2021-2022	15,726
2022-2023	2,051
Total	121,534

- c. Number of permanent Protection (subclass 866) visa grants and refusals for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 August 2022:

Program year	Granted	Refused
2012-2013	817	1,725
2013-2014	2,204	8,066
2014-2015	2,747	5,710
2015-2016	2,003	6,800
2016-2017	1,711	11,247
2017-2018	1,425	13,500
2018-2019	1,650	13,050
2019-2020	1,650	15,203
2020-2021	1,389	12,860
2021-2022	1,762	13,964
2022-2023	260	1,791
Total	17,618	103,916

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Answer:

- a. Average processing times for permanent Protection (subclass 866) visas from lodgement to primary decision for the period 1 January 2013 to 13 October 2022:

Program year	Average number of days from commencement of PPV to primary decision
1 Jan - 30 June 2013	268
2013-2014	391
2014-2015	508
2015-2016	487
2016-2017	453
2017-2018	407
2018-2019	385
2019-2020	483
2020-2021	729
2021-2022	843
2022-2023 (to 13 October 2022)	1,020

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2022-2023 (to 13 October 2022)	3,680
Total	123,163

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2021-2022	1,762	13,964
2022-2023 (to 13 October 2022)	523	3,157
Total	17,881	105,282