

Question on notice no. 547

Portfolio question number: BE23-547

2023-24 Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 16 June 2023—

Please provide the latest numbers on unprocessed applications with decision pending for the following subclasses of visa, grouped by which planning level cap they fall under, and an estimation of wait times expected for every subclass within each planning level cap:

- a. Adoption visa (subclass 102)
- b. Aged Dependent Relative visa (subclass 114)
- c. Aged Dependent Relative visa (subclass 838)
- d. Aged Parent visa (subclass 804)
- e. Carer visa (subclass 836)
- f. Carer visa (subclass 116)
- g. Child visa (subclass 101)
- h. Child visa (subclass 802)
- i. Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 884)
- j. Contributory Aged Parent visa (subclass 864)
- k. Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 173)
- l. Contributory Parent visa (subclass 143)
- m. Dependent Child visa (subclass 445)
- n. New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (temporary) visa (subclass 461)
- o. Orphan Relative (subclass 117)
- p. Orphan Relative (subclass 837)
- q. Parent visa (subclass 103)
- r. Partner (Provisional and Migrant) visa (subclass 309 100)
- s. Partner visa (subclass 820 801)
- t. Prospective Marriage visa (subclass 300)
- u. Remaining Relative visa (subclass 115)
- v. Remaining Relative visa (subclass 835)
- w. Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 870)

Answer —

Please see the attached answer

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Program 2.2: Visas

BE23-547 - Family Reunion Visas - Numbers on unprocessed applications

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Answer:

	Visa subclass	2022-23 Planning levels	Active onhand applications at 31 Mar 2023	Median processing times ¹ for applications decided in March 2023
a.	Adoption visa (subclass 102)	3,000 places for Child visa subclasses (indicative for planning purposes only – demand driven program)	61	9 Months ²
b.	Aged Dependent Relative visa (subclass 114)	500 places for Other Family visa classes	297	Capped and queued ⁴ program, refer to <u>Family visa processing priorities.</u>
c.	Aged Dependent Relative visa (subclass 838)	500 places for Other Family visa classes	851	Capped and queued ⁴ program, refer to <u>Family visa processing priorities.</u>
d.	Aged Parent visa (subclass 804)	500 places for Other Family visa classes	17,076	Capped and queued ⁴ program, refer to <u>Family visa processing priorities.</u>
e.	Carer visa (subclass 836)	500 places for Other Family visa classes	960	Capped and queued ⁴ program, refer to <u>Family visa processing priorities.</u>
f.	Carer visa (subclass 116)	500 places for Other Family visa classes	1,116	Capped and queued ⁴ program, refer to <u>Family visa processing priorities.</u>
g.	Child visa (subclass 101)	3,000 places for Child visa subclasses (indicative for planning purposes only – demand driven program)	2,784	12 Months
h.	Child visa (subclass 802)	3,000 places for Child visa subclasses (indicative for planning purposes only – demand driven program)	1,412	7 Months
i.	Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 884)	6,800 places for Contributory Parent visa classes	298	Capped and queued ⁴ program, refer to <u>Family visa processing priorities.</u>
j.	Contributory Aged Parent visa (subclass 864)	6,800 places for Contributory Parent visa classes	8,726	Capped and queued ⁴ program, refer to <u>Family visa processing priorities.</u>
k.	Contributory Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 173)	6,800 places for Contributory Parent visa classes	2,546	Capped and queued ⁴ program, refer to <u>Family visa processing priorities.</u>
l.	Contributory Parent visa (subclass 143)	6,800 places for Contributory Parent visa classes	71,931	Capped and queued ⁴ program, refer to <u>Family visa processing priorities.</u>
m.	Dependent Child visa (subclass 445)	3,000 places for Child visa subclasses (indicative for planning purposes only – demand driven program)	362	6 Months ²

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n.	New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (temporary) visa (subclass 461)	Uncapped, demand driven. Not counted towards the annual migration program planning.	765	90 days
o.	Orphan Relative (subclass 117)	3,000 places for Child visa subclasses (indicative for planning purposes only – demand driven program)	1,270	69 Months
p.	Orphan Relative (subclass 837)	3,000 places for Child visa subclasses (indicative for planning purposes only – demand driven program)	19	<i>Processing times are not available¹</i>
q.	Parent visa (subclass 103)	1,700 places for Parent visa classes	33,615	Capped and queued ⁴ program, refer to <u>Family visa processing priorities.</u>
r.	Partner (Provisional and Migrant) visa (subclass 309 100) ³	40,500 places for Partner visa subclasses 300, 309, 820) (indicative for planning purposes only – demand driven program). Subclasses 100 and 801 do not count towards Migration Program.	309: 21,955 100: 18,760	309: 11 Months 100: 13 Months
s.	Partner visa (subclass 820 801) ³		820: 29,127 801: 31,201	820: 8 Months 801: 13 Months
t.	Prospective Marriage visa (subclass 300)		3,431	10 Months
u.	Remaining Relative visa (subclass 115)	500 places for Other Family visa classes	2,645	Capped and queued ⁴ program, refer to <u>Family visa processing priorities.</u>
v.	Remaining Relative visa (subclass 835)	500 places for Other Family visa classes	1,865	Capped and queued ⁴ program, refer to <u>Family visa processing priorities.</u>
w.	Sponsored Parent (Temporary) visa (subclass 870)	Not counted towards the annual migration program planning.	1,582	70 Days

¹ Processing times are not available for subclasses that are subject to capping and queueing*, or which have a low volume of applications.

² Processing times calculated over a period of 12 months (1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023)

³ Partner visa applications: The temporary and permanent Partner visa applications are lodged together but are generally processed two years apart to ensure that applicants who are in a genuine and continuing relationship are granted the permanent visa. Some exceptions apply, for example if the couple was in a long term relationship when the application is made or if the applicant or a member of their family suffers family violence perpetrated by the sponsoring partner, or the relationship breaks down after the application and the couple has a child of the relationship. To avoid double counting, only the first stage Partner visa applications are counted towards the Migration Program.

⁴ Capping and queueing: Under section 85 of the Migration Act 1958, the Minister has the power to 'cap' or limit the number of visas which can be granted each Migration Program year in a particular visa category. Once that number has been granted, no more visas in that category may be granted that program year. All remaining visa applications in that category will remain in the 'queue' until a place becomes available. Refer to Glossary.