

Question on notice no. 434

Portfolio question number: 434

2019-20 Supplementary budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 21 October 2019—

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Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Answer:

1. Protection (subclass 866) visa lodgements by month from 7 September 2013 to 30 September 2019*

Lodgement Month	Total
2013	
September	716
October	838
November	791
December	782

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2014	
January	668
February	695
March	860
April	729
May	764
June	702
July	644
August	797
September	754
October	713
November	615
December	756
2015	
January	519
February	631
March	785
April	679
May	737
June	885
July	886
August	911
September	1,018
October	936
November	888
December	998

2016	
January	885
February	1,094
March	1,208
April	1,109
May	1,444
June	1,318
July	1,055
August	1,313
September	1,426
October	1,537
November	1,822
December	1,699
2017	
January	1,423
February	1,432
March	1,746
April	1,246

	Lodgement Month	Total
May	1,772	
June	1,810	
July	1,750	
August	2,208	
September	2,547	
October	2,307	
November	2,297	
December	2,024	
2018		
January	2,803	
February	2,248	
March	2,419	
April	2,304	
May	2,786	
June	2,228	
July	2,248	
August	2,181	
September	1,967	
October	2,186	
November	2,105	
December	1,860	
2019		
January	2,013	
February	1,846	
March	2,178	
April	1,879	
May	2,182	
June	1,921	
July	2,077	
August	1,960	
September	2,178	

*Note: 'Lodgements' has been interpreted as all lodgements in the previous month regardless if a lodgement is later found to be invalid, or withdrawn. Should a person lodge multiple applications over a period, they will be counted twice as reporting is event based.

2. Top 10 Protection (subclass 866) visa lodgements by country of citizenship from 7 September 2013 and 30 September 2019*

	7 Sept 2013-30 June 2014	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	1 July – 30 Sept 2019	Grand Total
Malaysia	240	1381	4812	8578	9315	8013	1608	33947
China, Peoples Republic of	1510	1296	1428	2268	9313	4872	933	21620
India	967	670	894	1133	1527	1864	752	7807
Pakistan	748	716	473	509	589	508	168	3711
Vietnam	74	130	302	867	764	782	267	3186
Thailand	27	41	180	232	846	1319	193	2838
Fiji	354	230	343	305	354	980	251	2817
Iraq	206	619	793	469	194	138	30	2449
Indonesia	142	119	280	426	515	672	207	2361
Iran	260	224	223	210	250	377	94	1638
Other	3017	3089	2967	3284	4254	5041	1712	23364
Grand Total	7545	8515	12695	18281	27921	24566	6215	105738

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3. Please refer to the *Order for the Production of Documents – Airplane People (Your Right to Know)*.
4. All non-citizens are required to provide their address to the Department as a condition of their visa. The location of those who have become unlawful and remain in Australia may be identified through ABF compliance and enforcement activities.
5. The average number of subclass 866 visa applications lodged per day from 1 July to 30 September 2019*:

July 2019	67
August 2019	63
September 2019	73

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