

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/135) - Permanent Visa's - Programme 1.2 Visa and Citizenship
(Administered)**

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•What is the total number of permanent visa applications on hand as of 28 February 2015? Please provide this information by:

oVisa subclass

oTime since lodgement (in 6 month periods)

oPrevious visa held, if application made from onshore

•What is the total number (stock) of permanent visa holders in Australia (i.e. non-Citizens) and by visa subclass?

Answer:

1. The total number of permanent visa applications on hand as at 28 February 2015 was 219,039. Details as requested are in the tables 1-3 below.

Table 1: Total number of skilled and family permanent visa applications on hand as at 28 February 2015, by visa subclass

	Subclass	Total
Skilled permanent visa applications on hand		
Business Innovation and Investment	132	721
	163	55
	164	6
	165	9
	188	6,704
	845	<5
	888	<5
Business Innovation and Investment Total		7,499
	124	44
Distinguished Talent		
	858	76
Distinguished Talent Total		120
	119	90
Employer Sponsored		
	121	44
	186	18,619
	187	6,309
	855	5
	856	137
	857	109
Employer Sponsored Total		25,313
	136	101

Skilled Independent – General Skilled Migration		
	175	849
	189	12,751
	861	<5
	880	23
	885	459
Skilled Independent - General Skilled Migration Total		14,187
	138	40
Skilled Regional - General Skilled Migration		
	139	12
	176	10,866
	475	5,201
	487	941
	489	794
	496	622
	863	<5
	881	5
	886	2,126
Skilled Regional - General Skilled Migration Total		20,609
	134	9
State/Territory Nominated Visa Classes - General Skilled Migration		
	137	11
	176	65
	190	3,546
	475	108
	487	12
	489	1,290
	495	32
	886	20
State/Territory Nominated Visa Classes - General Skilled Migration Total		5,093
Total skilled permanent visa applications on hand		72,821
Family permanent visa applications on hand		
Child		
	101	1,853
	102	93
	117	1,413
	445	364
	802	246
	837	8
Child Total		3,977
Contributory Parent (Permanent)		
	143	16,350
	864	313
Contributory Parent (Permanent) Total		16,663
Contributory Parent (Temporary)		
	173	2,571
	884	57
Contributory Parent (Temporary) Total		2,628
Other Family		
	114	422
	115	3,467
	116	2,152
	835	959
	836	636
	838	238
Other Family Total		7,874
Parent		
	103	38,685
	804	6,156

Parent Total		44,841
Prospective Spouse	300	5,674
Prospective Spouse Total		5,674
Special Eligibility	151	45
	832	<5
Special Eligibility Total		46
Spouse/Interdependent (Permanent)	100	2,475
Spouse/Interdependent (Permanent) Total		2,475
Spouse/Interdependent (Temporary)	309	33,356
	310	<5
	820	28,683
Spouse/Interdependent (Temporary) Total		62,040
Total family permanent visa applications on hand		146,218
Total permanent visa applications on hand		219,039

Table 2: Total applications on hand, by time since lodgment

Time On hand	Total
0-6 - Months	84,128
7-12 - Months	40,520
13-18 - Months	18,357
19-24 - Months	18,976
25-30 - Months	7,842
31-36 - Months	4,610
37-42 - Months	2,819
43-48 - Months	3,188
49-54 - Months	2,853
55-60 - Months	5,307
60+ Months	30,439
Grand Total	219,039

Table 3: Total ONSHORE applications on hand, by last substantive visa subclass

Last Substantive Visa Subclass	Visa subclass description	Total
160	Business Owner (Provisional)	8
163	State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional)	137
164	State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional)	7
165	State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional)	7
173	Contributory Parent (Temporary)	6
187	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	<5
188	Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional)	<5
300	Prospective Marriage	81
309	Spouse (Provisional)	40
400	Temporary Work (Short Stay)	12
401	Temporary Work (Long Stay)	210
402	Training and Research	100
403	Temporary Work (International Relations)	15
405	Investment Retirement	26
406	Government Agreement	<5
410	Retirement	300
411	Exchange	<5
414	Independent Executive	<5
415	Foreign Government Agency	<5

416	Special Programme	25
417	Working Holiday	4,471
420	Entertainment	21
421	Temporary Work (Entertainment)	18
422	Medical Practitioner	<5
426	Domestic Worker Diplomatic or Consular	<5
427	Domestic Worker Executive	<5
428	Religious Worker	130
442	Occupational Trainee	11
444	Special Category Visa – New Zealand Citizens	1,254
449	Humanitarian Stay	<5
456	Business (Short Stay)	85
457	Temporary Work (Skilled)	21,476
461	New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship	295
462	Work and Holiday	686
475	Skilled – Regional Sponsored	65
476	Skilled – Recognised Graduate	80
485	Temporary Graduate	5,192
487	Skilled – Regional Sponsored	23
488	Superyacht Crew	<5
489	Skilled – Regional (Provisional)	85
495	Skilled – Independent Regional (Provisional)	<5
496	Skilled – Designated Area-Sponsored (Provisional)	7
497	Graduate – Skilled	<5
560	Student	11
570	Independent English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector	638
571	Schools Sector	368
572	Vocational Education and Training (VET) Sector	6,961
573	Higher Education Sector	7,117
574	Postgraduate Research Sector	731
575	Non-award Sector	26
576	Foreign Affairs or Defense Sector	6
580	Student Guardian	33
600	Visitor	5,752
601	Electronic Travel Authority	3,425
602	Medical Treatment	43
651	eVisitor	1,942
663	Close Family Visitor	<5
664	Visitor	<5
673	Close Family Visitor (Short Stay)	<5
675	Medical Treatment (Short Stay)	<5
676	Tourist	3,674
679	Sponsored Family Visitor	67
685	Medical Treatment (Long Stay)	75
686	Tourist (Long Stay)	21
771	Transit	5
773	Border	5
820	Spouse (Extended Eligibility)	92
866	Protection	<5
884	Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary)	17
942	Crew Travel Authority	<5
945	Military Travel Authority	6
951	Criminal Justice	13

956	Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant, Long Stay Validity)	<5
976	Electronic Travel Authority (Visitor)	1,811
977	Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant, Short Stay Validity)	10
988	Maritime Crew	13
995	Diplomatic	20
H33	English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) Trainee	<5
No Substantive Found		1,690
V10	Tourist	<5
V12	Visiting Relatives/Friends	<5
Grand Total		69,488

- The Department of Social Services are responsible for publishing the number of permanent visa holders, via the Settlement Reporting Facility. Using this facility, it was determined that there are 1,636,687 permanent visa holders who are not Australian citizens. The Department of Social Services were not able to tell who is in Australia.

The information by visa subclass is contained in the following table, as are all the caveats surrounding the data's limitations.

Table 4: Number of permanent visa holders who are not Australian citizens

Visa Subclass	Visa subclass description	Sum of Settlers
100	Spouse	203,812
101	Child	23,326
102	Adoption	4,572
103	Parent	30,053
104	Preferential Family	12,513
105	Skilled – Australian Linked	27,719
105.	Concessional Family	53,474
106	Regional Linked	334
110	Interdependency	1,364
113	Aged Parent	110
114	Aged Dependent Relatives	236
115	Remaining Relative	5,299
116	Carer	2,326
117	Orphan Relative	1,044
118	Designated Parent	967
119	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	11,397
120	Labour Agreement	7,458
121	Employer Nomination	25,031
122	Business – Joint Venture	164
123	Business – General	7,664
124	Distinguished Talent (Australian support)	674
125	Distinguished Talent and Special Service (Independent)	253

Visa Subclass	Visa subclass description	Sum of Settlers
126	Independent	110,533
127	Business Owner	17,019
128	Senior Executive	2,845
129	State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner	510
130	State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive	181
131	Investment-Linked	4,639
132	Business Talent	367
134	Skill Matching	2,110
135	State/Territory – Nominated Independent	205
136	Skilled – Independent	154,900
137	Skilled – State/Territory Nominated Independent	11,693
138	Skilled – Australian Sponsored	27,997
139	Skilled – Designated Area Sponsor	26,858
143	Contributory Parent	10,119
150	Former Citizen	88
151	Former Resident	1,681
152	Family of New Zealand Citizen	727
154	Return Class A	9,471
160	Business Owner (Provisional)	<5
163	State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional)	53
165	State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional)	11
173	Contributory Parent (Temporary)	34
175	Skilled - Independent	23,978
176	Skilled - Sponsored	9,589
186	Employer Nomination Scheme	3,571
187	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	1,938
189	Skilled - Independent	2,302
190	Skilled - Nominated	1,448
200	Refugee	61,502
201	In-country Special Humanitarian	3,039
202	Global Special Humanitarian	72,336
203	Emergency rescue	209
204	Woman at Risk	8,458
205	Camp Clearance	1,477
206	Lebanese Concession	563
208	East Timor SAC	773
209	Citizens of the Former Yugoslavia (Displaced Persons)	17,171
210	Minorities of Former USSR	3,922
211	Burmese in Burma	857
212	Sudanese	1,774
213	Burmese in Thailand	696
214	Cambodian SAC	1,788
215	Sri Lankan (special assistance)	881
216	Ahmadi	293

Visa Subclass	Visa subclass description	Sum of Settlers
217	Vietnamese	1,384
300	Prospective Marriage	3,692
301	Australian Requirement	10
302	Emergency (Permanent Visa Applicant)	493
309	Spouse (Provisional)	8,095
310	Interdependency (Provisional)	99
445	Dependent Child	723
475	Skilled – Regional Sponsored	42
487	Skilled – Regional Sponsored	10
489	Skilled – Regional (Provisional)	<5
495	Skilled – Independent Regional (Provisional)	10
496	Skilled – Designated Area-Sponsored (Provisional)	11
800	Territorial Asylum (Residence)	<5
801	Spouse	132,442
802	Child (Residence)	3,741
803	Refugee (After Entry)	62
804	Aged Parent	4,358
805	Skilled	18,719
806	Family	3,675
807	Humanitarian Grounds	85
808	Confirmatory (Residence)	6,796
809	Peoples Republic of China Citizen	124
810	Refugee (Permanent)	30
811	Refugee	168
812	December 1989 (Permanent)	2,278
814	Interdependency	3,399
815	1 November Peoples Republic of China (Permanent)	22,591
816	1 November Special (Permanent)	11,596
817	Protection (Permanent)	1,614
818	1 November highly qualified EP (Permanent)	1,716
819	Aged Parent	33
820	Spouse (Extended Eligibility)	2,114
826	Interdependency	148
831	Prospective Marriage Spouse	10,624
832	Close Ties	1,264
833	Certain Unlawful Non-Citizens	324
835	Remaining Relative	1,690
836	Carer	960
837	Orphan Relative	93
838	Aged Dependent Relative	408
840	Business Owner	408
841	Senior Executive	164
842	State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner	59
843	State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive	15

Visa Subclass	Visa subclass description	Sum of Settlers
844	Investment-Linked	163
845	Established Business in Australia	7,773
846	State/Territory Sponsored Regional Established Business in Australia	257
850	Resolution of Status (Temporary)	39
851	Resolution of Status (Permanent)	6,194
855	Labour Agreement	7,612
856	Employer Nomination Scheme	118,699
857	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	37,048
858	Distinguished Talent	820
859	Designated Parent	174
861	Skilled – Onshore Independent New Zealand Citizen	1,464
862	Skilled – Onshore Australian-Sponsored New Zealand Citizen	242
863	Skilled – Onshore Designated Area-Sponsored New Zealand Citizen	193
864	Contributory Aged Parent	1,524
866	Protection	36,777
880	Skilled – Independent Overseas Student	67,934
881	Skilled – Australian-Sponsored Overseas Student	5,348
882	Skilled – Designated Area-Sponsored Overseas Student	3,734
885	Skilled - Independent	32,875
886	Skilled - Sponsored	13,958
887	Skilled - Regional	14,069
890	Business Owner (Provisional)	629
891	Investor (Residence)	61
892	State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Residence)	8,421
893	State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Residence)	872
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Grand Total		1,636,670

Source 1: Department of Social Services, Settlement Reporting Facility.

The following outlines the caveats that were provided by the Department of Social Services to accompany the statistics in the above table.

Caveats

- The Settlement Reporting Facility (SRF) reports on data sourced from the Settlement Database (SDB).
- There are limitations in the data capture, the actual data and the reporting system.

Data Capture

- SDB collects data concerning settlers who have been granted a permanent (or provisional) visa.
- SDB data is compiled from a number of sources including Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP), other Commonwealth agencies and service providers.
- A subset of SDB data is copied to the SRF on the 5th day of each month.

Data Limitations

- SRF includes settlers who were:
 - granted a permanent (or provisional) visa after 1/1/1991 and arrived in Australia within 25 months of visa grant, (or are yet to arrive and it has been less than 25 months since their visa was granted), or
 - who arrived in Australia after 1/1/1991 having been granted a permanent (or provisional) visa prior to 1/1/1991.
- SRF has not been adjusted to reflect settlers who are deceased.
- SRF has not been adjusted to reflect settlers who have permanently departed Australia.
- SRF has not been adjusted to reflect settlers who have had their grants cancelled.
- SRF includes some duplicate settler records.
- SRF includes many data items that are not mandatory.
- SRF includes only the settler's latest known residential (or intended residential) address. Address information is only updated if the department is notified. Some settlers have no address details recorded.
- SRF location data is based on the 2011 Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC).
- SRF includes only the latest permanent (or provisional) visa for a settler.

Reporting Limitations

- Reports cannot provide numbers of settlers in specified locations for past years. Nor can reports show settlement patterns or trends for specified locations.
- Reports including numbers of settlers in specified locations may be inaccurate due to limitations in address data. This is particularly problematic for regional/rural locations.
- Settlers with an existing permanent (or provisional) visa may appear in different reporting categories over time if they are granted a subsequent permanent (or provisional) visa.
- Reports including numbers of settlers of 5 or fewer have been suppressed (indicated by an asterisk* or <5) for client confidentiality.
- Reports including 'not stated', 'invalid' or 'not recorded' labels indicate that the data is unavailable.

Settlement Date

- Settlement Date uses a combination of either arrival date or grant date depending on where the settler was when their current SDB visa was granted.
- If a settler was offshore when their current SDB visa was granted then arrival date is used. If a settler was onshore when their current SDB visa was granted then visa grant date is used.

Report Usage

- Please attribute Australian Government as the data source when using SRF reports.