

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/136) - Permanent Visa's - Programme 1.2 Visa and Citizenship (Administered)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

In the 2013-14 program year, 190,000 permanent visas were issued for skilled and family. Over half of these were issues to people already in Australia. Can you please provide:

- A breakdown of what visas these people held prior to being granted a permanent visa?
- The median length of time (by visa subclass) these permanent visa holders were in Australia prior to being granted their permanent visa?

Answer:

1. The following table outlines for those individuals who were granted a permanent migration visa during 2013-14, and applied onshore, what visas they previously held.

Table 1: Previous visa subclass held, for those granted a permanent visa onshore during 2013-14

Previous Subclass Held	Visa Subclass Descriptor	Outcome
163	State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional)	80
164	State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional)	<5
165	State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional)	<5
173	Contributory Parent (Temporary)	<5
190	Skilled - Nominated	9
300	Prospective Marriage	25
309	Spouse (Provisional)	27
310	Interdependency (Provisional)	<5
400	Temporary Work (Short Stay)	9
401	Temporary Work (Long Stay)	60
402	Training and Research	26
403	Temporary Work (International Relations)	<5
405	Investment Retirement	<5
406	Government Agreement	8
410	Retirement	108
411	Exchange	<5
415	Foreign Government Agency	8
416	Special Programme	23
417	Working Holiday	4,202
418	Educational	<5
419	Visiting Academic	<5
420	Entertainment	14

421	Temporary Work (Entertainment)	46
422	Medical Practitioner	84
423	Media and Film Staff	<5
426	Domestic Worker Diplomatic or Consular	<5
427	Domestic Worker Executive	<5
428	Religious Worker	574
442	Occupational Trainee	72
444	Special Category Visa – New Zealand Citizens	36
445	Dependent Child	<5
456	Business (Short Stay)	141
457	Temporary Work (Skilled)	39,109
459	Sponsored Business Visitor (Short Stay)	<5
461	New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship	373
462	Work and Holiday	452
471	Sponsored Training (Temporary)	<5
476	Skilled – Recognised Graduate	115
485	Temporary Graduate	22,498
487	Skilled – Regional Sponsored	<5
488	Superyacht Crew	<5
489	Skilled – Regional (Provisional)	39
560	Student	10
570	Independent English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector	484
571	Schools Sector	242
572	Vocational Education and Training (VET) Sector	7,426
573	Higher Education Sector	8,785
574	Postgraduate Research Sector	1,078
575	Non-award Sector	31
576	Foreign Affairs or Defense Sector	8
580	Student Guardian	33
600	Visitor	371
601	Electronic Travel Authority	555
651	eVisitor	941
660	Tourist	<5
664	Visitor	<5
673	Close Family Visitor (Short Stay)	<5
675	Medical Treatment (Short Stay)	<5
676	Tourist	2,555
679	Sponsored Family Visitor	40
683	Close Family Visitor	<5
685	Medical Treatment (Long Stay)	27
686	Tourist (Long Stay)	64
771	Transit	11
773	Border	<5
801	Spouse	<5
820	Spouse (Extended Eligibility)	50
825	Processing	<5
830	1 November 1993	<5
880	Skilled – Independent Overseas Student	<5
945	Military Travel Authority	9
950	Criminal Justice entry	<5
951	Criminal Justice	<5
956	Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant, Long Stay Validity)	<5
976	Electronic Travel Authority (Visitor)	2,354

977	Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant, Short Stay Validity)	35
988	Maritime Crew	10
995	Diplomatic	22
H33	English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS)	
	Trainee	<5
V 0	Visitor	<5
V10	Tourist	6
V11	Business Visitor	<5
V12	Visiting Relatives/Friends	<5
No Substantive Found		2,323
Grand Total		95,679

2. As the median length of time (i.e. the middle number in the sequence) did not seem to be meaningful, we have provided the average.

The table below outlines the average length of time a person spent in Australia prior to their permanent visa grant.

Table 2: Average number of days in Australia, prior to permanent migration visa grant, by visa subclass

Outcome Subclass	Visa Subclass Descriptor	Average Number of Days in Australia¹
Family migration programme		
802	Child (Residence)	412
804	Aged Parent	2,710
820	Spouse (Extended Eligibility)	923
835	Remaining Relative	1,797
836	Carer	1,594
837	Orphan Relative	451
838	Aged Dependent Relative	1,939
864	Contributory Aged Parent	360
884	Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary)	388
Family migration programme total		978
Skill permanent migration programme		
132	Business Talent	210
186	Employer Nomination Scheme	739
187	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	690
188	Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional)	248
189	Skilled - Independent	609
190	Skilled - Nominated	626
487	Skilled – Regional Sponsored	1,624
489	Skilled – Regional (Provisional)	550
845	Established Business in Australia	1,474
846	State/Territory Sponsored Regional Established Business in Australia	2,044
855	Labour Agreement	537
856	Employer Nomination Scheme	1,235
857	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	1,137
858	Distinguished Talent	631

880	Skilled – Independent Overseas Student	2,626
881	Skilled – Australian-Sponsored Overseas Student	NA ²
882	Skilled – Designated Area-Sponsored Overseas Student	1,019
885	Skilled - Independent	1,365
886	Skilled - Sponsored	1,675
888	Business Innovation and Investment (Permanent)	396
890	Business Owner (Provisional)	364
892	State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Residence)	643
893	State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Residence)	659
Skill permanent migration programme total		873
Special Eligibility		
151		3,060
Special Eligibility Total		3,060
Average number of days spent in Australia		921

¹ The average length of time in Australia prior to visa grant, excludes days when an individual is overseas.

² No movement record(s) could be matched to this visa subclass.