

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/137) - Temporary Entrants in Australia (stock data) statistics - Programme 1.2 Visa and Citizenship (Administered)**

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Table 1 in the report “Temporary Entrants in Australia (stock data) statistics” (September 2014) shows the population for various forms of visa categories.

Please provide, for each visa category in Table 1:

- The median time period spent in Australia for each visa subclass;
- The median length of time the migrants have been in Australia (including previous visas);

-The proportion of visa holders who have been in Australia for:

- Less than 1 year;
- 1-5 years;
- 5-10 years;
- More than 10 years;

•Can you please provide the same answers to the above questions for the population as at September 2011?

*Answer:*

1. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to calculate the median length of time in Australia for an individual on all visa subclasses.
2. Table 2 provides information on the proportion of temporary entrants by visa category, split by their length of stay on that particular visa held. That is, it excludes any previous visas held (on the same or any other visa category). The snapshot dates are 30 September 2011 and 30 September 2014.

It should be noted that for New Zealand (subclass 444) visa holders, the number who stay over 12 months is understated, as each time a person enters the country they are issued with a new visa. New Zealanders (partly due to the proximity of ‘home’) are a very mobile group of people.

**Table 2: Table 3: The proportion of temporary entrants in Australia, by visa category, as at 30 September 2011 and 30 September 2014, split by their length of stay**

<b>Snapshot Date</b>	<b>Visa Category</b>	<b>365 days or less</b>	<b>between 366 days and 1827 days</b>	<b>between 1828 days and 3653 days</b>	<b>3654 days or more</b>
30/09/2011	Bridging visa holders	78.4%	20.4%	0.7%	0.5%
	New Zealand (subclass 444) visa holders	51.0%	27.5%	7.5%	14.0%
	Student visa holders	60.5%	39.5%	0.0%	0.0%
	Temporary graduate (subclass 485) visa holders	83.1%	16.9%	0.0%	0.0%
	Temporary skilled (subclass 457) visa holders	59.7%	40.3%	0.0%	0.0%
	Visitor visa holders	99.7%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
	Working holiday maker visa holders	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Other temporary visa holders	62.3%	37.4%	0.1%	0.2%
	<b>30/09/2011 Total</b>	<b>65.9%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
30/09/2014	Bridging visa holders	77.7%	20.8%	0.8%	0.7%
	New Zealand (subclass 444) visa holders	52.1%	29.7%	7.7%	10.5%
	Student visa holders	66.0%	34.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Temporary graduate (subclass 485) visa holders	90.1%	9.9%	0.0%	0.0%
	Temporary skilled (subclass 457) visa holders	49.5%	50.5%	0.0%	0.0%
	Visitor visa holders	99.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%
	Working holiday maker visa holders	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Other temporary visa holders	60.8%	38.8%	0.1%	0.3%
	<b>30/09/2014 Total</b>	<b>66.9%</b>	<b>26.2%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

Source 2: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2015

Note 1: Figures are subject to variation

Note 2: Length of stay is based on the visa held on the snapshot date. The length of stay excludes any previous visa(s) held. This will have an impact on single entry visas, particularly for New Zealand (subclass 444) visa holders living in Australia. They are a highly mobile group and are granted a new visa each time they return to Australia. Consequently the length of stay is seriously understated compared to those on multiple entry visas.

For visas granted where the client was offshore, the length of stay is the period between the first arrival on that visa and the snapshot date, less any period where the visa holder was outside Australia while holding the visa.

For visas granted where the client was onshore, the length of stay is the period between the date the visa was granted and the snapshot date, less any period where the visa holder was outside Australia while holding the visa.

Note 3: For subclass 444, the length of stay is based on the period between the arrival date and the snapshot date. For subclass 444 visa holders where an arrival record is not available, the start date to calculate the length of stay is based on 1 September 1994. This is the date from which movement records became available for reporting.

Note 4: Student Guardian (subclass 580) visa holders are included in 'Other temporary visa holders' and not in the 'Student visa holders' category.

Note 5: 'Other temporary visa holders' include holders of other temporary visas such as New Zealand Citizen Family Relationships (non-New Zealand citizens who are family members of a New Zealand citizen), social/cultural (Entertainment, Sport, Visiting Academic, Religious Worker, etc.), international relations (Diplomatic, Exchange, Domestic Worker, etc.), training (Occupational Trainee and Professional Development), Student Guardian and transit visas.

Note 6: 'Other temporary visa holders' with a length of stay greater than 5 years are largely people on diplomatic visas.