

# SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

## BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

### Administrative Appeals Tribunal

#### Question No. BE17-140

**Senator Carr asked the following question on 22 May 2017:**

Please provide the number of cases relating to an immigration matter referred to the AAT in and a breakdown of the type of matter in:

2012/2013  
2013/2014  
2014/2015  
2015/2016  
2016/2017

**The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:**

The figures in this answer relate to applications for review of decisions relating to visas made by the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection or a delegate of the Minister under the *Migration Act 1958*.

Prior to 1 July 2015, applications for review of decisions relating to visas were made either to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT), the Migration Review Tribunal (MRT) or the Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT). Since 1 July 2015, applications for review of decisions relating to visas that were previously made to the AAT are now dealt with in the AAT's General Division and applications for review of decisions relating to visas that were previously made to the MRT-RRT are now dealt with in the AAT's Migration & Refugee Division.

The table below sets out the number of applications made to the AAT, MRT or RRT in each of the stated years broken down by matter type. The figures do not include referrals made to the Immigration Assessment Authority.

	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17 to 30 Apr 2017
<b>AAT/AAT General Division</b>					
Business visa cancellation	5	1	0	0	0
Visa decisions relating to character <sup>a</sup>	77	38	9	77	148
<b>MRT/AAT Migration &amp; Refugee Division</b>					
Bridging	356	407	550	553	339
Family	1,175	885	696	616	438

	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17 to 30 Apr 2017
Nomination/sponsor approval	719	1,121	949	1,244	1,624
Partner	1,865	3,154	4,242	4,218	3,593
Permanent business	1,163	1,116	674	557	741
Skilled	4,341	2,127	656	730	775
Student cancellation	726	593	879	436	955
Student refusal	3,456	2,854	2,841	2,374	3,406
Temporary work	1,047	1,507	1,116	1,571	1,549
Visitor	1,204	1,507	1,675	1,859	1,610
Other	112	155	120	149	148
<b>RRT/AAT Migration &amp; Refugee Division</b>					
Protection (refugee)	4,229	6,863	4,136	4,622	6,818
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,475</b>	<b>22,328</b>	<b>18,543</b>	<b>19,006</b>	<b>22,144</b>

<sup>a</sup> This includes applications for reviews of decisions under section 501 and 501CA of the Migration Act as well as decisions to refuse or cancel a protection visa relying on Articles 1F, 32 or 33 of The Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees as amended by the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees or sections 5H(2), 36(1C) or 36(2C)(a) or (b) of the Migration Act.