

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/241) - Permanent residency - Family violence provisions statistics - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Provide the number of permanent residency visas granted after a claim made under the family violence provisions.

Provide the number of permanent residency visas rejected after a claim made under the family violence provisions.

Provide the top 10 most common reasons for declining an application under the family violence provisions

Provide the number of applications made under the family violence provision which included children.

Answer:

The table below shows the visa outcome between 2013/14 and 2016/17 for primary Partner visa applicants who had made claims under the family violence provisions (*note: the claims may have been made in a previous programme year*).

	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017 (as at 31 May 2017)
Granted a Partner visa	481	458	445	282
Refused a Partner visa	179	101	160	140

If a person is found not to have suffered relevant family violence, their visa is refused on that basis. If their claim of family violence is successful but they fail other criteria, such as health or character, or they have provided false and misleading information to the Department, their visa may be refused on those grounds. It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the number of visas refused on grounds other than family violence due to systems reporting constraints.

The number of applicants under the age of 18 who were included in a Partner visa application where the primary visa applicant claimed family violence is as follows:

2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017 (as at 31 May 2017)
84	58	48	36