

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (SE16/141) - Child visas - Programme 2.3: Visas

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In relation to child visas:

How many child visa (subclass 101, 802 and subclass 445) applications did the DIBP receive in 2015/16? Please provide a breakdown for each category.

Please provide the same information for the previous five years.

What is the expected wait time for the processing of child visa (subclass 101, 802 and subclass 445)? Please provide a breakdown for each category.

How many child visa (subclass 101, 802 and subclass 445) were declined in 2015/16? Please provide a breakdown for each category.

Please provide the same information for the previous five years.

Please provide a breakdown of the reasons these applications were declined.

How many child visa (subclass 101 and 802) had previously held a child visa (subclass 445)?

*Answer:*

*In relation to child visas:*

*How many child visa (subclass 101, 802 and subclass 445) applications did the DIBP receive in 2015/16? Please provide a breakdown for each category.*

In the 2015–16 programme year, the department received the following number of applications for subclass 101, 802 and 445 visas:

<b>Subclass</b>	<b>2015–16</b>
<b>101</b>	2,299
<b>445</b>	531
<b>802</b>	827
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,657</b>

*Note: These numbers include primary and secondary applicants*

*Please provide the same information for the previous five years*

In the five programme years previous to 2015–16, the department received the following number of applications for subclass 101, 802 and 445 visas:

<b>Subclass</b>	<b>2010–11</b>	<b>2011–12</b>	<b>2012–13</b>	<b>2013–14</b>	<b>2014–15</b>
<b>101</b>	2,299	2,415	2,840	2,530	2,505
<b>445</b>	807	773	776	610	561
<b>802</b>	520	509	525	539	605
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,626</b>	<b>3,697</b>	<b>4,141</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>3,671</b>

*Note: These numbers include primary and secondary applicants*

What is the expected wait time for the processing of child visa (subclass 101, 802 and subclass 445)? Please provide a breakdown for each category.

According to departmental systems, the average processing time (days) for Subclasses 101, 802 and 445 that were granted or refused in both the 2015/16 programme year and 2016–17 programme year to 30 September 2016 were:

Visa subclass	2015/16	2016/17 to 30/9/2016
<b>101</b>	229	251
<b>802</b>	204	185
<b>445</b>	85	127

Note: These average processing times are for primary applicants only

How many child visa (subclass 101, 802 and subclass 445) were declined in 2015/16? Please provide a breakdown for each category.

In the 2015–16 programme year, the department refused the following number of applications for subclass 101, 802 and 445 visas:

Subclass	2015/16
<b>101</b>	189
<b>445</b>	42
<b>802</b>	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>

Note: These numbers include primary and secondary applicants

Please provide the same information for the previous five years

In the five programme years previous to 2015/16, the department refused the following number of applications for subclass 101, 802 and 445 visas:

Subclass	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
<b>101</b>	166	169	219	207	233
<b>445</b>	55	67	62	51	56
<b>802</b>	114	117	111	100	105
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>394</b>

Note: These numbers include primary and secondary applicants

Please provide a breakdown for the reasons these applications were declined

The main reasons that these applications are refused are that:

- the applicant is not considered to be a dependent child of the parent on whom they are basing their visa application;
- the public interest criteria regarding the parental responsibility requirement is not met;
- for subclass 101 and 802, an applicant who was over 18 at time of application does not meet the additional requirement that they must have been studying full-time since turning 18 years of age.

Other reasons for refusal include, but are not limited to:

- sponsor not approved or is ineligible to sponsor;
- public interest criteria not met (health, character, best interests of the child);
- fraudulent documentation provided.

*How many child visa (subclass 101 and 802) had previously held a child visa (subclass 445)?*

In the 2015–16 programme year, five subclass 101 and 802 visa holders had previously been granted a subclass 445 visa.