QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Bartlett asked:

If possible, could a breakdown be provided of the percentage of visa applications at each post where an Assurance of Support is requested?

Answer:

Under existing legislation an Assurance of Support is mandatory for some visa classes - eg: Parents and some classes of Skill Stream Migrants. In these visa classes an Assurance of Support is required in all cases.

It is reasonable to assume that the question relates to visa classes where the Assurance of Support is discretionary - these visa classes are:

Class BC	Subclass 100	Spouse
Class AH	Subclass 101	Child
Class AH	Subclass 102	Adoption
Class BC	Subclass 110	Interdependency
Class AH	Subclass 117	Orphan Relative
Class AN	Subclass 119	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme
Class AU	Subclass 120	Labour Agreement
Class AN	Subclass 121	Employer Nomination
Class AL	Subclass 124	Distinguished Talent
Class BR	Subclass 134	Skill Matching
Class BN	Subclass 136	Skilled – Independent
Class BN	Subclass 137	Skilled State/Territory-nominated Independent
Class CB	Subclass 151	Former Resident
Class TO	Subclass 300	Prospective Spouse
Class UF	Subclass 309	Spouse (Provisional)
Class UF	Subclass 310	Interdependency (Provisional)
Class BS	Subclass 801	Spouse
Class BT	Subclass 802	Child
Class BS	Subclass 814	Interdependency
Class UK	Subclass 820	Spouse
Class UK	Subclass 826	Interdependency
Class BT	Subclass 837	Orphan Relative
Class BV	Subclass 855	Labour Agreement
Class BW	Subclass 856	Employer Nomination Scheme
Class BW	Subclass 857	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme
Class BX	Subclass 858	Distinguished Talent
Class DB	Subclass 861	Skilled Independent NZ Citizen
Class DD	Subclass 880	Skilled Independent Overseas Student
Class CC	Subclass 883	Skilled - Designated Area Sponsored (Residence

We are unable to provide the requested breakdown. Existing systems do not allow us to run a report to determine those cases where a discretionary Assurance of Support has been requested.