



Attachment A

DECISION RECORD

Request Details

FOI Request FA 15/09/00665
File Number ADF2015/48022

Scope of request

I wish to make an application under the Commonwealth Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the Act) for documents held by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department) regarding people who have had their visas cancelled due to serious criminal offences in the Financial Year 2014/2015.

Specifically, I seek access to document(s) that lists the countries of origin and offences of the 580 people subject to visa cancellations in FY14/15.

I note the number "580" was referred to by Immigration Minister Peter Dutton in an article in The Daily Telegraph on 3 September 2015. I include a copy of that article below.

I do not seek identifying information regarding the 580 (other than country of origin) and I consent to the redaction of said from document(s) released to me.

Document in scope

Production of a relevant document by the Department

Following the date on which the Department received your FOI request, the Department extracted information relevant to your request from its internal systems. This information has been collated into two tables, which appear on separate pages of the same document (as a PDF). The document is titled 'Statistics – FOI Request FA 15 09 006655'.

Section 17 of the FOI Act provides that the Department can treat this discrete document, which was produced *after* the date of your request, as the document for which you sought access.

The categorisation of information in the document to remove identifying information

In 'Table 2' of the document, a cell under the 'Nationality' column has been labelled 'COUNTRIES < 5 cases'. The Department does hold information about the specific nationalities in relation to which there were fewer than 5 visa cancellations. However, I have decided not to include this information in the document which it has released to you. Rather, I have collapsed the relevant information into a general category. This approach was taken because there is a risk that, if released, this information could be used to identify individuals whose visas were cancelled by the Department.

I note that, in your request, you indicated that you '*do not seek identifying information regarding the 580 (other than country of origin)*'. Given your reference to 'other than country of origin', I consider that the information collapsed into the 'COUNTRIES < 5 cases' category is within the scope of your request.

Authority to make decision

I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests to access documents or to amend or annotate Departmental records.

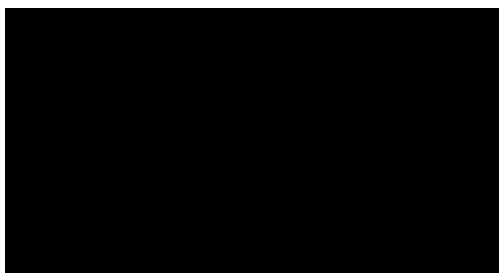
Information considered

In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:

- ✓ the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*;
- ✓ the document identified above; and
- ✓ the Australian Information Commissioner's Guidelines relating to access to documents held by government.

Reasons for decision

I am satisfied that I have been provided with all the relevant documents to consider in my decision. I have considered the produced document and am satisfied that no exemptions apply. Therefore, I am releasing the relevant document in full.



Authorised decision maker
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
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23 November 2015



Attachment B

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS TO DECISION RECORD

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1. Document in scope

Document	Description	Decision	Legislation
Statistics – FOI Request FA 15 09 00665	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two pages• Two tables containing information for which you sought access in your FOI request• Document produced after the date of your FOI request, recording information extracted from the Department's internal systems.	Released in full	s 17(c)(i)

Released by DIBP under the
Freedom of Information Act 1982