



## Attachment A

### DECISION RECORD

#### Request Details

FOI Request FA 16/07/01624  
File Number ADF2016/37644

#### Scope of request

*'We request documents related to:*

- a) Immigration statistics by religion*
  - b) over a period 1970 - 2015*
  - c) breakdown of migrants by religion*
- any discussion of the above'*

#### Documents in scope

1. Offshore Humanitarian Programme visa grants by Religious Group, 2006-07 to 2015-16 – containing 1 folio.
2. Permanent visa applications lodged in 2015-16 by religion and visa category – containing 3 folios.
3. Temporary visa applications lodged in 2015-16 by religion and visa category – containing 2 folios.

#### 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*;
- ✓ Departmental files and/or documents (identified above); and
- ✓ The Australian Information Commissioner's Guidelines relating to access to documents held by government.

#### Advice from the relevant business areas

In relation to document 1, the Offshore Humanitarian Section has advised that they do not hold statistics back to 1970 and have provided the data from the earliest available recording.

In relation to document 3, the Department advises that data is only available for the period of 2001-02 to 2015-16. Further to this, religion is not a mandatory field for temporary (non-humanitarian visas), as the information is not required for a visa decision. Figures have been

provided on the total number of visa lodgements to provide some context on the extent of non-completion.

**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 documents and am satisfied that no exemptions apply. Therefore, I am releasing the relevant documents in full.



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**Attachment B**

**SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS TO DECISION RECORD**

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No.	Date of document	No. of pages	Description	Decision on release	
1.	-	1	Offshore Humanitarian Programme visa grants by Religious Group, 2006-07 to 2015-16	Release in Full	
2.	-	3	Permanent visa applications lodged in 2015-16 by religion and visa category	Release in Full	
3.	-	2	Temporary visa applications lodged in 2015-16 by religion and visa category	Release in Full	