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Response:

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Points 1 & 2: The Department of Home Affairs (the Department) does not process Partner visa applications using a points system. All applicants are assessed against the same requirements outlined in migration legislation, including the criteria outlined in the relevant Part (100, 300, 309, 820 and 801) of Schedule 2 to the Migration Regulations 1994. Documentation around points testing/scoring can therefore not be provided.

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Departmental systems are unable to provide relevant data for the entire date range requested. Below are the currently available figures of Partner visa applications refused where fraud was recorded and the number of applications specifically refused on PIC4020. Public Interest Criteria (PIC) 4020 provides a decision-maker in the Department with the power to refuse a decision where fraudulent or misleading information is provided in relation to visa applications. Departmental systems do not report on the exact nature of the fraud.

Program Year	No of refusals where fraud is recorded
2014-15	187
2015-16	278
2016-17	365
2017-18 to 30/04/18	273
Grand total	1,103

Data is taken from report number RFI 21001

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PIC 4020 refusals		
Program Year	PIC4020 - Identity	PIC4020 - bogus document or information that is false or misleading
2013-14	1	20
2014-15	0	107
2015-16	13	114
2016-17	7	86
2017-18 to 30/04/2018	17	200
Grand Total	38	527

Data is taken from monthly reports BRI316 - Visa applications refused or withdrawn