



## Attachment A

### DECISION RECORD

#### Request Details

FOI Request: FA 16/10/02041  
File Number: ADF2016/62441

#### 1. Scope of request

*"statistics on applications lodged under Subclass 476 visa stream (Skilled—Recognised Graduate visa) from July 2014 till Sept 2016 on a quarterly or yearly basis –*

*Columns needed (Excel Format)–*

- *Number of applications lodged*
- *Number of Visa granted or refused or capped*
- *Top Ten Citizenship country of the applicant with status of visa granted or refused or capped'*

#### Authority to make decision

2. 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

3. In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:
  - ✓ The *Freedom of Information Act 1982*
  - ✓ Departmental files and/or documents and
  - ✓ The Australian Information Commissioner's Guidelines relating to access to documents held by government
  - ✓ Advice provided by officers in the Department with knowledge of the document.

#### Decision on access

4. Section 22(2) of the FOI Act provides that, where an agency reaches the view that a document contains exempt information or material that is irrelevant to the request and it is possible for the agency to prepare an edited copy of the document with the irrelevant or exempt material deleted, then the agency must prepare such a copy.
5. This edited copy must be provided to the applicant. Further, the decision maker must advise the applicant in writing that the edited copy of the document has been prepared and of the reason(s) for each of the deletions in the document (s.22(3) of the FOI Act).

6. Exempt material is deleted pursuant to s.22(1)(a)(i) and irrelevant material is deleted pursuant to s.22(1)(a)(ii) of the FOI Act.
7. The Department has undertaken searches to identify any documents that would be relevant. After consulting with relevant business areas I am satisfied that no discrete written documents (electronic or hard copy) are in possession of the Department that contain the details of your FOI request.

**Application of section 17 [Requests involving use of computers etc.] of the FOI Act to your request**

8. Under s.17(1) of the FOI Act, where a discrete document relevant to the FOI request does not exist, the agency is required to consider whether a document addressing the request could be produced through the use of a computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available to the agency for retrieving or collating stored information.
9. Advice from the relevant business area is that the data you have sought is able to be produced from Departmental systems in a way that would provide all or part of the information you are seeking.
10. The relevant business area has produced the following document with the current data available at the time of your request from Departmental systems:
  - Copy of BE10328(T) FOI Subclass 476 visas lodged or decided
11. I am satisfied that I have been provided with the only relevant information to consider in my decision. I have considered the information prepared by the relevant business area and I am satisfied that no exemptions apply. Therefore, I am releasing the document to you with irrelevant material removed, as indicated in paragraph six above.

*(signed electronically)*

  
Authorised decision maker  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection  
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5 December 2016

**Attachment B**

**SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS TO DECISION RECORD**

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|-----|------------------|--------------|---|---------------------|---|
| 1.  | N/A              | 1            | Copy of BE10328(T) FOI Subclass 476 visas lodged or decided | S22(1)(a)(ii)       | Released with irrelevant material removed |