



Attachment A

DECISION RECORD

Request Details

FOI Request FA 16/12/01048
File Number ADF2016/80831

Original scope of request

1. On 20 December 2016 you requested:

'Business innovation & investment visa (subclass 188/888) statistics.

Please include:

- *information updated up to 31/12/2016*
- *Show all yearly applications lodgements & grants statistic for visa 188 & 888 (all 5 streams including entrepreneurs visa) from 1/7/2012 until 31/12/2016.*
- *Please show the distribution of primary visa applications & visa grants for the top 5 source countries for visa 188/888 (please categorise into 188A, 188B & 188C stream) for each year in the period from 1/7/2012 - 31/12/2016.*
- *Please show state government sponsor distribution for 188A, 188B, 188C for period 01/01/2016 - 31/12/2016.'*

Documents in scope

2. There are four documents within the scope of your request totalling 15 pages. These documents are detailed at Attachment B - Schedule of Documents.

Authority to make decision

3. 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

4. In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:

- The *Freedom of Information Act 1982*;
- The documents as listed in the Schedule of Documents;
- Consultations with relevant business areas; and

- The Australian Information Commissioner's guidelines relating to access to documents held by government; and consultations with relevant Departmental business areas.

Decision

I have consulted with the relevant business area which has provided all available statistics that fall within the scope of your request. I have decided to release the documents in full.



Authorised decision maker
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
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21 February 2017



Attachment B

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS TO DECISION RECORD

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No.	Date of document	Folio	Description	Relevant legislation (FOI Act)	
1.	undated	1-3	Significant Investor visa: Government sponsor distribution	Released in full.	N/A
2.	undated	4-8	188 visa – Business Innovation Stream state and territory distribution	Released in full.	N/A
3.	undated	9-14	Top Source Countries Subclass 188 primary visas lodged and granted between 01/07/2012 and 30/11/2016	Released in full.	N/A
4.	undated	15	Business Innovation and Investment subclass 888 visa granted 01/07/2012 - 30/11/2016	Released in full.	N/A