



## Attachment A

### DECISION RECORD

#### Request Details

FOI Request FA 17/01/00660  
File Number ADF2017/6250

#### Original scope of request

1. On 5 January 2017 you requested:

*[Part 1] - 'the number of visa holders in Australia on the 400 Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa as at:*

- 30 June 2013;*
- 30 June 2014;*
- 30 June 2015; and*
- 30 June 2016.*

*[Part 2] - I would also like to know the number of subclass 400 visa holders by occupational category and/or industry category for each of the abovementioned time periods.*

*[Part 3] - I would also like to know the top five countries of origin of subclass 400 visa holders for each of the abovementioned time periods.'*

#### Documents in scope

2. There is one document within the scope of your request. This document is detailed at Attachment B – Schedule of Documents and provided at Attachment C.

#### 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

5. 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.

6. 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).
7. 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.

### **Part 1 of the request**

8. Document 1 has been created by the Department to address Part 1 of the request. This document is released in full.


### **Part 2 of the request**

9. In relation to Part 2 of the request, the Department has undertaken searches to identify any documents that would be relevant. After consulting with relevant business areas I am satisfied that no documents (electronic or hard copy) are in possession of the Department that fall within the scope of this part of your request.
10. Under s.17(1) of the FOI Act, where a discrete document does not exist, the agency is 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.
11. Advice from the relevant business area is that the data sought is not readily producible from systems and would require the engagement of a specialised programmer to work offline to create a new report. Once created the data would require manual analysis to determine its accuracy. I therefore consider that production of the data from systems would require an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources (refer s.17(2)). I am therefore satisfied that this information does not exist in discrete documents and cannot be readily produced. Access is therefore refused to this part of your request under s.24A(1) of the FOI Act.

### **Part 3 of the request**

12. Document 1 has been created by the Department to address Part 3 of the request. This document is released in full.

*(signed electronically)*

  
Authorised decision maker  
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15 February 2017



**Attachment B**

**SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS TO DECISION RECORD**

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No.	Date of document	Folios	Description	Decision on release	Applicable part/s of the FOI Act
1.	09/02/2017	1	Data set – sc400 visa holders, top 5 citizenship countries.	Released in full	n/a