



Attachment A

DECISION RECORD

Request Details

FOI Request FA 17/02/00110
File Number ADF 2017/17831

Original scope of request

1) On 23 January 2017 you requested:

Asylum data, for the period between 1985 to 2015 (if no data exists from the year 1985, the first year the data is available would be acceptable). I am requesting aggregate monthly data. If monthly data is not available, then aggregate annual data will suffice for the following information:

- 1. The total number of asylum applicants by country of origin.*
- 2. The total number of asylum applicants granted asylum status by country of origin.*
- 3. The total number of asylum applicants denied asylum status by country of origin.*
- 4. The total number of deportations of individuals that were denied asylum status (The act of a State in the exercise of its sovereignty in removing an alien from its territory to a certain place after refusal of admission or termination of permission to remain).*
- 5. The total number of repatriated individuals (The assisted or independent return to the country of origin, transit or another third country based on the free will of the returnee).*
- 6. The total number of individuals under forced return (The compulsory return of an individual to the country of origin, transit or third country, on the basis of an administrative or judicial act).*

Documents in scope

- 2) In response to your FOI request the Department has created two documents, comprising 24 pages as detailed in Attachment B – Schedule of Documents. Parts 1 – 3 of your request are covered in folios 1 -23 of Attachment C – documents released. Parts 4 – 6 are covered in folio 24.
- 3) As advised in your FOI request you have asked for data from 1985 to 2015 or from the year the data is available. As per this advice the Department has provided data from date ranges that were readily available.

Authority to make decision

- 4) 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

- 5) In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:
- The *Freedom of Information Act 1982*;
 - The document 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.

Decision

- 6) I have decided to release the documents in full.

(signed electronically)


Authorised decision maker
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
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26 May 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.	Undated	1-23	Protection Visa Data	Released in full	
2.	Undated	24-24	Returns and Removal Data	Released in full	