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By email: 

Dear 

Freedom of Information request – decision on request

This letter refers to your request received on 27 June 2017 seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) to the following:

'Statistics regarding business programme for the years 2008 up until the latest available year the number of application received and visa granted:

- 1. Business talent (132) - Venture Capital Entrepreneur Stream;*
- 2. Business talent (132) - Significant Business History Stream;*
- 3. Business Innovation & Investment - Business Innovation (188A)*
- 4. Business Innovation & Investment - Business Innovation (888A)*
- 5. Business Innovation & Investment - Investor Stream (188B)*
- 6. Business Innovation & Investment - Investor Stream (888B)*
- 7. Business Innovation & Investment - Significant Investor Stream (188C)*
- 8. Business Innovation & Investment - Significant Investor Stream (888C)*
- 9. Business Innovation & Investment - Premium Investor Stream (188)*
- 10. Business Innovation & Investment - Premium Investor Stream (888)'*

Authority to make decision

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

In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:

- The terms of your request
- The *Freedom of Information Act 1982*
- Departmental files identified
- The Australian Information Commissioner's guidelines relating to access to documents held by government
- Consultations with the relevant business area in the Department

Legislation

A copy of the FOI Act is available for your reference from www.legislation.gov.au/Browse/ByTitle/Acts/InForce/0/0/Principal

Decision on access

I have consulted with the relevant business area in the Department, the Skilled Migration Programme Management Section.

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Skilled Migration Programme Management Section has used its computer system to produce two documents that contains the requested information. The data produced in these documents was in possession of the Department on 27 June 2017 on receipt of your FOI request.

The Skilled Migration Programme Management Section has advised that the Department is unable to provide statistical information past 31 May 2017 as this data was not available at the time of your request. Furthermore, the visa streams for which you have requested data only came into effect from 1 July 2012, so no information would be available for earlier years.

As the scope of your request is for '*Statistics...up until the latest available year...*', I am satisfied that the Department has fulfilled your request under the FOI Act.

My decision is to release the documents in full.

Review rights

Internal review

If you disagree with my decision, you have the right to apply for an internal review by the Department of my decision. Any request for internal review must be provided to the Department within 30 days of you being notified of the decision. Where possible please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by an officer other than the original decision-maker and the Department must make a review decision within 30 days.

Applications for review should be sent to:

Freedom of Information
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
PO Box 25
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

Or by email to: foi.reviews@border.gov.au

Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

You may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) for a review of my decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a review request to the OAIC, please see FOI fact sheet 12 '*Freedom of information – Your review rights*', available online at www.oaic.gov.au.

How to make a complaint about the handling of your FOI request

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner if you have concerns about how the department has handled your request under the FOI Act. Information about how to submit a complaint is also available at www.oaic.gov.au.

Contacting the FOI Section

If you wish to discuss this matter, you may contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely



Authorised Decision Maker
Freedom of Information Section
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Email: foi@border.gov.au

Attachments

- Attachment A – Documents Released