

Information provided in response to FOI Request FA 15/09/01353 regarding the Northern Territory Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA)

1. *How many requests for access to the NT DAMA the Department of Immigration & Border Protection (DIBP) received with endorsement from the Northern Territory Government (Department of Business);*

The Northern Territory Department of Business (NT DoB) has endorsed 20 businesses for a labour agreement under the NT DAMA.

2. *How many of these requests were approved/endorsed by the DIBP;*

Of the 20 endorsements received up to 25 August 2015, 16 businesses were approved for a labour agreement under the NT DAMA.

3. *How many of these requests were not approved/not endorsed by the DIBP; and*

As of 25 August 2015, 3 businesses that were endorsed by the NT DoB were not approved for a labour agreement under the NT DAMA.

4. *How many of these requests remained unfinalised.*

As of 20 October 2015, 1 business endorsed by the NT DoB is currently being assessed for a labour agreement under the NT DAMA.

In addition, I would also like to know:

5. *Of the NT DAMA requests approved/endorsed by the DIBP, what were the occupations and corresponding salaries that were approved;*

As of 25 August 2015, of the 16 businesses approved for a labour agreement under the NT DAMA, the requested occupations are:

- Cook – ANZSCO 351411
- Bar Attendant (Supervisor) – ANZSCO 431111
- General Clerk – ANZSCO 531111
- Chef – ANZSCO 351311
- Hotel Service Manager – ANZSCO 431411
- Waiter (Supervisor) – ANZSCO 431511
- Storeperson – ANZSCO 741111
- Tour Guide – ANZSCO 451412
- Retail Manager (General) – ANZSCO 142111
- Child Care Worker – ANZSCO 421111

The salary ranges* for occupations approved for a labour agreement under the NT DAMA are base salaries of between \$48 510 and \$60 000.

***Due to the small number of businesses approved for a labour agreement under the NT DAMA, identifying individual salaries and/or salary ranges for specific occupations or agreements would likely identify the businesses that hold a labour agreement and their location/size. Identifying these businesses would potentially breach the confidentiality agreed to between these businesses and the Department.**

6. *Of the NT DAMA requests not approved/not endorsed by the DIBP, what were the occupations and corresponding salaries that were requested;*

The requested occupations were:

- **Cook – ANZSCO 351411**
- **Bar Attendant (Supervisor) – ANZSCO 431111**
- **General Clerk – ANZSCO 531111**
- **Chef – ANZSCO 351311**
- **Hotel Service Manager – ANZSCO 431411**
- **Waiter (Supervisor) – ANZSCO 431511**
- **Storeperson – ANZSCO 741111**

The salary ranges* for occupations requested in these unapproved agreements the base salary of \$48 510 and \$60 000.

***Due to the small number of businesses not approved for a labour agreement under the NT DAMA, identifying individual salaries and/or salary ranges for specific occupations or agreements would likely identify the businesses that requested a labour agreement and their location/size. Identifying these businesses would potentially breach the confidentiality agreed to between these businesses and the Department.**

7. *Of the NT DAMA requests not approved/not endorsed by the DIBP, what were the reasons for these decisions; and*

Whilst identifying the exact reasons these businesses were not approved for a labour agreement would be a breach of confidentiality, all decisions to approve or not approve a labour agreement under the NT DAMA were made under the provisions approved by the Minister under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) initially and then proceeded by the Deed of Agreement (DoA).

8. *What is the standard processing times for a decision to be made on these requests by the DIBP on receipt of the endorsement from the Northern Territory Government (Department of Business).*

As the NT DAMA is the inaugural DAMA, the processing times vary from the initial businesses endorsed under the MoU to the more recent requests under the DoA. Processing times for requests for labour agreements under the NT DAMA have varied from one to five months.