



28 February 2017

**In reply please quote:**

FOI Request: FA 17/02/00610  
File Number: ADF2017/21583

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email dated 24 January 2017 in which you request access to documents held by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

**1 Scope of Request**

You have requested access to the following documents held by the Department:

*'statistical data on how many applications for Resident Return Visa (RRV visa), subclass 155 and 157 have been filed with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection in 2015.'*

This letter is to notify you of the Department's decision on access to the documents subject to your request.

**2 Authority to make decision**

I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions to in respect of requests to access documents or to amend or annotate Departmental records.

**3 Relevant material**

In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:

- the terms of your request;
- the documents relevant to your request;
- the FOI Act;
- Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under s 93A of the FOI Act, and
- advice from Departmental officers with responsibility for matters relating to the documents to which you sought access.

#### **4 Decision on access**

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department has used its computer system to produce one document that contains the requested information. The data produced in this document existed in the possession of the Department on 24 January 2017 when your FOI request was received.

The decision in relation to the document in the possession of the Department which comes within the scope of your request is to release one document in full.

#### **5 Legislation**

A copy of the FOI Act is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A02562>.

If you are unable to access the legislation through this website, please contact our office for a copy.

#### **6 Your Review Rights**

##### Internal Review

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to apply for an internal review by the Department of this 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 a 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 Section  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection  
PO Box 25  
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

OR

By email to: [foi.reviews@border.gov.au](mailto: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 this decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a request for a review to the OAIC, please see Fact Sheet 12 "Freedom of information – Your review rights", available online at <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-reviews>.

#### **7 Making a Complaint**

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your request.

Your enquiries to the Australian Information Commissioner can be directed to:

Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge)  
Email [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)

There is no particular form required to make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner. The request should be in writing and should set out the grounds on which it is considered that the action taken in relation to the request should be investigated and identify the Department of Immigration and Border Protection as the relevant agency.

## 8 Contact

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at [foi@border.gov.au](mailto:foi@border.gov.au).



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Corporate Services Division  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection**