



8 January 2018

In reply please quote:

FOI Request: FA 17/12/00528

File Number: ADF2017/133602

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Access Decision

On 13 December 2017, the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) received a request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

On 20 December 2017 the Home Affairs Portfolio, including the Department of Home Affairs, was formally established. The Department of Home Affairs includes the entirety of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, the Australian Border Force and the Office of Transport Security from within the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. It also includes specific functions from the Attorney-General's Department, the Department of Social Services and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

As such a decision has now been made on your request by the Department of Home Affairs.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision on your request for access under the FOI Act.

1 Scope of request

You have requested access to the following documents:

I would like to request following information to be released:

- 1. The total number of subclass 189 visa applications lodged under New Zealand Stream for primary and secondary applicants respectively from 01/07/2017 to 31/12/2017.*
- 2. The monthly figures of subclass 189 visa applications lodged under New Zealand Stream for primary and secondary applicants respectively between 01/07/2017 and 31/12/2017..*

2 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 records.

3 Relevant material

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

- the terms of your request
- the FOI Act
- Guidelines published by the Office of the Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the FOI Guidelines)
- the Department's guidance material on the FOI Act

4 Documents in scope of request

The Department has identified two documents as falling within the scope of your request. These documents were in the possession of the Department on 13 December 2017 when your request was received.

5 Decision

The decision in relation to the documents in the possession of the Department which fall within the scope of your request is as follows:

- Release two documents in full

6 Legislation

A copy of the FOI Act is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2017C00251>. If you are unable to access the legislation through this website, please contact our office for a copy.

7 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:

By email to: foi.reviews@homeaffairs.gov.au

OR

By mail to:
Freedom of Information Section
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
PO Box 25
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

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>.

8 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

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.

9 Contacting the FOI Section

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at foi@homeaffairs.gov.au.


Authorised Decision Maker
Department of Home Affairs