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Detention Population

Question: What was the average processing time for IMAs during the periods 2008-2009; 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 to date? By age, sex and nationality.

Answer:

Average processing times from arrival to visa grant for IMAs

July 2008 - June 2009	103 days
July 2009 - June 2010	116 days
July 2010 - June 2011	299 days
June 2011 - cob 18 July 2011	279 days

Average processing times from arrival to visa grant by Age

Age	Jul 2008 to Jun 2009	Jul 2009 to Jun 2010	Jul 2010 to Jun 2011
0 - 17 years	95 days	95 days	274 days
18 - 25 years	99 days	115 days	301 days
26 - 35 years	109 days	127 days	310 days
36+ years	109 days	109 days	307 days

Average processing times from arrival to visa grant by Gender

Gender	Jul 2008 to Jun 2009	Jul 2009 to Jun 2010	Jul 2010 to Jun 2011
Male	105 days	117 days	305 days
Female	99 days	111 days	272 days

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Average processing times from arrival to visa grant by Nationality

Nationality	Jul 2008 to Jun 2009	Jul 2009 to Jun 2010	Jul 2010 to Jun 2011
Afghanistan	102 days	98 days	301 days
Iran	104 days	90 days	278 days
Iraq	125 days	111 days	268 days
Sri Lanka	168 days	218 days	413 days
Stateless	117 days	95 days	268 days
Other	117 days	104 days	322 days

* please note that the data is maintained manually;

** grants of babies born in detention are included;

*** people who are medevaced from their SIEV directly to the mainland and are detained under s189 (1) as opposed to clients who are originally detained on Christmas Island under s189 (3) are included; and

**** the average processing times are for IMAs who were granted a protection visa, and are calculated from arrival date to visa grant date.