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**Migration Review Tribunal • Refugee Review Tribunal**

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Inquiry into the Business Innovation and Investment Programme (BIIP)  
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**Re: Joint Standing Committee on Migration: Inquiry into the Business Innovation and Investment Programme**

Thank you for your email of 14 May 2014, regarding the Joint Standing Committee on Migration's inquiry into the Business Innovation and Investment Programme (BIIP).

I am happy to provide the statistics the committee has requested on the number of merits reviews that have been undertaken for the relevant visa classes.

The Migration Review Tribunal (the Tribunal) has received four lodgements for the Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) (188) Visa since it commenced on 1 July 2012. No decisions have been made on these cases to date.

The Tribunal has not recorded any lodgements for the Business Innovation and Investment (Permanent) (888) Visa since it commenced 1 July 2012.

The Tribunal has received nine lodgements for the Business Talent (Permanent) (132) Visa since it commenced 1 March 2003. Seven of these cases have been finalised and two are still active. Of the seven finalised cases, one was set aside (14 per cent), two were affirmed (29 per cent), and four were cases for which the Tribunal found that it had no jurisdiction (57 per cent).

Please let me know if there is anything else the Tribunal can assist the committee with.

Yours sincerely

Kay Ransome  
Principal Member

 May 2014