

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/272) - Rejected or cancelled partner visas - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA) written:

How many applications for a partner visa were rejected in:

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

How many partner visa were cancelled for people already in Australia in:

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

Can you please provide a breakdown of the reasons those visas were cancelled?

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

Answer:

The following table provides a breakdown of partner visa refusals recorded by financial year:

Financial Year	Count of Refusals
2013/2014	9218
2014/2015	11,833
2015/2016	11,679
2016/2017 to 31 March	9386
Total	42,116

The following table provides a breakdown of partner visa cancellations by financial year:

Financial Year	Count of Cancellations
2013/2014	33
2014/2015	54
2015/2016	126
2016/2017 to 31 March	166
Total	379

The following table provides a breakdown of grounds for partner visa cancellations recorded between July 2013 and March 2017:

Ground for Cancellation	Count
s501 (6)(e)(i)	2
s501(1)(6) - character test - s501(6)(a)	144
s501(1)(6) - character test - s501(6)(b)	2
s501(1)(6) - character test - s501(6)(c)	1
s501(1)(6) - character test - s501(6)(c)(i)	1
s501(1)(6) - character test - s501(6)(d)(v)	1
s101 incorrect information - application form	61
s102 incorrect information - passenger card	4
s103 bogus document	11
s104 changes in circumstances not notified	19
s116(1)(a) - fact/circumstance no longer exists	16
s116(1)(aa) - fact/circumstance leading to visa grant never existed	1
s116(1)(e) risk to health, safety or good order	1
s116(1)(e)(i) - risk to the health, safety or good order (community or segment of the community)	1
s116(1)(e)(ii) - risk to the health or safety of an individual	15
s116(1)(g) prescribed ground - r 2.43 (1)(g)	7
s116(1)(g) prescribed ground - r 2.43 (1)(o)	2
S116(1)(g), reg 2.43(1)(oa)	8
s140(1) family unit member - s109	37
s140(1) family unit member - s116	2
s140(1) family unit member - s128	2
s140(2) associated visa holder - s109	40
s140(2) associated visa holder - s116	1
Total	379