

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0294) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the average processing time for student visa applications?

Provide a breakdown of all student visa cancellations during 2012-13 and in 2013-14 to date, including:

- o Type of student visa (including guardian visa)
- o Number of primary visa holders vs number of dependants (and number of these who were minors)
- o Age, sex, nationality of visa holders.

Answer:

What is the average processing time for student visa applications?

Table 1: Median processing times (calendar days) for student primary visa applications decided in 2013-14 to 30 November 2013

Visa Subclass	Median Processing times (days)
570 Independent ELICOS Sector	15
571 Schools Sector	19
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	24
573 Higher Education Sector	15
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	19
575 Non-Award Sector	9
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	11
580 Student Guardian	46

Note: Median processing times means that 50 per cent of applications granted during the period were processed within the number of days shown in the tables. This measure gives an indication of how long it is taking to process the typical student applications.

Provide a breakdown of all student visa cancellations during 2012-13 and in 2013-14 to date, including:

- Type of student visa (including guardian visa)

Refer Table 2.

- Number of primary visa holders vs number of dependants (and number of these who were minors)

This data is not routinely collated or available.

- Age, sex, nationality of visa holders

Refer Table 3 (age), Table 4 (sex) and Table 5 (nationality)

Note:

- The latest available student visa cancellations data (2013-14 to September) has been used.
- Data on the number of primary visa holders vs number of dependants (and number of these who were minors) is not available.

Table 2: Student visas cancelled in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (July to September) by visa subclass

Visa Subclass	2012-13	2013-14 to 30/09/2013
Independent ELICOS Sector (s/c 570)	265	35
Schools Sector (s/c 571)	637	276
Vocational Education and Training Sector (s/c 572)	2 681	474
Higher Education Sector (s/c 573)	4 891	1 176
Postgraduate Research Sector (s/c 574)	178	32
Non-Award Sector (s/c 575)	45	10
AusAID or Defence Sponsored (s/c 576)	52	5
Student Guardian (s/c 580)	80	19
Total Visas cancelled	8 829	2 027

Table 3: Student visas cancelled in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (July to September) by age

Age group	2012-13	2013-14 to 30/09/2013
< 10 years	245	46
11-20 years	1 327	405
21-30 years	5 717	1 199
31-40 years	1 218	293
41-50 years	255	76
51-60 years	55	6
61-70 years	9	< 5
70+ years	< 5	0
Not Recorded	< 5	0
Total Visas cancelled	8 829	2 027

Table 4 Student visas cancelled in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (July to September) by gender.

Gender	2012-13	2013-14 to 30/09/2013
Female	3 458	826
Male	5 370	1 201
Not Recorded	< 5	0
Total	8 829	2 027

Table 5: Student visas cancelled in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (July to September) by nationality.

Nationality	2012-13	2013-14 to 30/09/2013
Afghanistan	19	< 5
Albania	0	< 5
Angola	< 5	0
Argentina	< 5	< 5
Austria	< 5	0
Bahrain	< 5	< 5
Bangladesh	71	16
Belgium	< 5	0
Bhutan	< 5	< 5
Botswana	< 5	0
Brazil	159	23
Brunei Darussalam	11	< 5

Bulgaria	< 5	0
Burkina Faso	0	< 5
Cambodia	9	0
Cameroon	< 5	0
Canada	69	14
Chile	24	5
China	1804	360
Colombia	106	16
Congo, Democratic Republic of	< 5	0
Congo, Republic of	< 5	0
Cyprus	0	< 5
Czech Republic	21	< 5
Denmark	< 5	0
East Timor	5	< 5
Ecuador	5	< 5
Egypt	29	< 5
El Salvador	< 5	0
Estonia	6	< 5
Ethiopia	< 5	0
Fiji	17	< 5
Finland	< 5	0
France	51	10
French Polynesia	< 5	0
Germany	49	6
Ghana	< 5	0
Greece	26	6
Hong Kong	409	73
Hungary	6	< 5
India	928	161
Indonesia	315	94
Iran	53	32
Iraq	10	< 5
Ireland	37	10
Israel	< 5	0
Italy	33	8
Japan	117	19
Jordan	23	16
Kazakhstan	< 5	< 5
Kenya	40	6
Kiribati	< 5	0
Kuwait	37	0
Laos	8	< 5
Latvia	< 5	0
Lebanon	34	8
Liberia	0	< 5

Libya	9	< 5
Lithuania	13	< 5
Macau	14	< 5
Macedonia	< 5	< 5
Madagascar	< 5	0
Malawi	< 5	0
Malaysia	502	132
Maldives	6	< 5
Marshall Islands	0	< 5
Mauritius	127	20
Mexico	20	< 5
Mongolia	11	< 5
Myanmar	18	< 5
Namibia	< 5	0
Nepal	190	82
Netherlands	11	< 5
New Caledonia	< 5	< 5
Nigeria	10	< 5
Not Recorded	61	34
Norway	26	< 5
Oman	8	< 5
Pakistan	180	55
Papua New Guinea	36	11
Peru	25	6
Philippines	75	29
Poland	27	5
Portugal	9	0
Qatar	< 5	0
Romania	< 5	< 5
Russia	23	6
Rwanda	< 5	0
Samoa	< 5	0
Saudi Arabia	274	17
Serbia	< 5	< 5
Seychelles	< 5	0
Singapore	204	53
Slovakia	10	6
Slovenia	< 5	< 5
Solomon Islands	< 5	0
South Africa	18	8
South Korea	916	126
Spain	25	11
Sri Lanka	71	31
Sudan	< 5	0
Sweden	25	6

Switzerland	14	< 5
Syria	< 5	0
Taiwan	149	26
Tanzania	< 5	0
Thailand	345	75
Tonga	< 5	0
Tunisia	< 5	0
Turkey	53	35
Uganda	< 5	0
Ukraine	< 5	0
United Arab Emirates	24	< 5
United Kingdom	116	46
United States of America	111	18
Uruguay	< 5	0
Uzbekistan	0	< 5
Venezuela	7	< 5
Vietnam	402	227
Yemen	< 5	0
Zambia	34	< 5
Zimbabwe	11	< 5
Total	8829	2027