



30 June 2016

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FOI Request FA 16/06/00956

File Number ADF2016/29810

Mr Stephane Tajick

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**Freedom of Information request – Release of documents**

Dear Mr Tajick,

This letter refers to your request received on 15 January 2016 seeking access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act) to the following documents:

*My request concerns statistics about program's annual outcome (in calendar years if possible). I require, for the years 2008 up until the latest available year the number of application received, visa granted and top 5 countries of origins for the following programs:*

- *Business talent (132)*
- *BI&I - Business innovation (188)*
- *BI&I - Business innovation (888)*
- *BI&I - Investor Stream (188)*
- *BI&I - Investor Stream (888)*
- *BI&I - Significant Investor Stream (188)*
- *BI&I - Significant Investor Stream (888)*
- *BI&I - Premium Investor Stream (188)*
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*Furthermore I would like to know the year of creation of the first generation of the the Australian immigrant investor program, I got somewhere in the 80's.*

This letter is to provide you with a decision, which is to release the relevant document to you in full. The decision is set out in the attached Decision Record. The relevant document is listed in the Schedule of Documents attached to this letter. Read together, these form the reasons for decision.

**Review rights**

Internal review

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to apply for an internal review of the decision. If you wish to make a request for internal review this must be sent within 30 days of being notified of the decision. Where possible please attach reasons why you believe 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:

Freedom of Information  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection  
PO Box 25  
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

Or by email to: [foi@border.gov.au](mailto:foi@border.gov.au)

Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

You may apply directly to the Australian Information Commissioner for a review of the decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights under the FOI Act please see FOI fact sheet 12 '*Freedom of information – Your review rights*', available online at [www.oaic.gov.au](http://www.oaic.gov.au) .

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You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner if you have concerns about how the department has handled your request under the FOI Act. Information about how to submit a complaint is also available at [www.oaic.gov.au](http://www.oaic.gov.au) .

**Contacting the FOI section**

If you wish to discuss this matter, I can be contacted using the details provided below.

Kind regards,

Brad Collins  
Freedom of Information Section  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection  
Email: [foi@border.gov.au](mailto:foi@border.gov.au)

**Attachments**

- ✓ Attachment A – Decision Record
- ✓ Attachment B – Schedule of Documents
- ✓ Attachment C – Documents released



## Attachment A

### DECISION RECORD

#### Request Details

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#### Scope of request

1. On 15 January 2016 you requested:

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#### Documents in scope

2. There is one document within scope of your request, which is the statistics that you requested. This document was created by the appropriate business area in response to your request.

#### Authority to make decision

3. 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 Departmental records.

#### Information considered

4. In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:

- ✓ The *Freedom of Information Act 1982*;
- ✓ Departmental files and/or documents (identified above); and
- ✓ The Australian Information Commissioner's Guidelines relating to access to

documents held by government.

**Reasons for decision**

5. I am satisfied that I have been provided with the relevant document to consider in my decision. I have considered the document and am satisfied that no exemptions apply. Therefore, I am releasing the relevant document in full.

Brad Collins  
Authorised decision maker  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection  
Email: [foi@border.gov.au](mailto:foi@border.gov.au)

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**Attachment B**

**SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS TO DECISION RECORD**

FOI Request FA 16/05/02461  
File Number ADF 2016/23555

No.	Date of document	Pages	Description	Relevant legislation (FOI Act)	
1.	Undated	1-2	Statistics	Released in full	

## FOI request 14 June 2016: Business Innovation and Investment programme statistics

- The first version of the Business Skills programme was established in 1992.

The below table shows the lodgements and grants of primary applications in the Business Innovation and Investment programme for Subclass 188 and 888 since the commencement of the programme on 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2016.

(\* Note that the SIV stream was introduced on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and the PIV stream was introduced 1 July 2015)

		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (to 31/05/2016)	
Subclass	Stream	Lodgements	Grants	Lodgements	Grants	Lodgements	Grants	Lodgements	Grants
188	Business Innovation	429	46	1058	444	1455	807	1281	1116
	Investor	54	<5	113	25	228	76	373	120
	Significant Investor	306	<5	723	286	1544	592	179	515
	Premium Investor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
888	Business Innovation	5	0	11	15	14	6	26	19
	Investor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Significant Investor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Premium Investor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The top five Citizenship countries for primary applicant grants in the following visa subclass 188 streams are:

Business Innovation stream = China, Iran, Malaysia, Vietnam and Bangladesh.

Investor stream = China, Malaysia, Vietnam, UK and Japan.

Significant Investor stream = China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, South Africa and Vietnam.

Premium Investor stream – N/A

The top five Citizenship countries for primary applicant grants in the following visa subclass 888 streams are:

Business Innovation stream = New Zealand, China, Korea, Malaysia and Portugal.

Investor stream – N/A

Significant Investor stream – N/A

Premium Investor stream – N/A

The below table shows the lodgements and grants of primary applications in the Business Talent (subclass 132) visa from 1 July 2008 to 31 May 2016.

Programme year	Lodgements	Grants
2008-09	132	46
2009-10	46	53
2010-11	58	39
2011-12	107	35
2012-13	97	104
2013-14	211	94
2014-15	252	192
2015-16 (to 31/05/2016)	300	159

The top five Citizenship source countries for the subclass 132 visa grants are China, Malaysia, South Africa, Vietnam and Iran.