



17 March 2017

Mr Steven Larkson

By email: foi+request-3235-b1e9aaa2@righttoknow.org.au

In reply please quote:

FOI Request: FA 17/03/00593

File Number: ADF2017/29612

Dear Mr Larkson

Acknowledgement of Freedom of Information Access request

This letter refers to an access request received under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) on 15 March 2017, seeking access to:

'the detail for processed visa subclass 820 and 801 applications for the financial years of 2015 and 2016. If 2016 is not yet available, then please send for 2014 and 2015. Specifically, the documents containing the following information:

- *Percentage of applications approved / rejected*
- *Reasons for rejected applications*
- *Amount of rejections sent to tribunal and the percentage of those that were then approved or rejected'*

Your request has been allocated FOI request number FA 17/03/00593. Please include your FOI request number in all correspondence with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Section.

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The Department's policy is to exclude the personal details of officers not in the Senior Executive Service (SES), as well as the mobile and work telephone numbers of SES staff, contained in documents that fall within scope of an FOI request. If you require names and contact details of non-SES officers, or direct telephone numbers of SES staff, please inform us so the decision maker may consider your request. Otherwise we will take it that you agree to that information being excluded from the scope of your request.

Contacting the FOI Section

If you wish to discuss your access request you may contact the FOI Section using the details provided below.

Contacting the Department

You can contact us with an enquiry in a number of ways including by email, through our website; by telephone, through our Service Centres or offices around the world, or in person. In Australia you can call 13 18 81 between 9 am and 4 pm Monday to Friday. Details on submitting a webform, or contacting our offices outside Australia are available on our website at www.border.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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