



FOI Request – FA 17/05/01274

Request for access to documents subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act)

On 22 May 2017, the Department received an FOI request seeking access to the following statistics:

“Please provide statistics on number of people who arrived through the Refugee and Humanitarian Program (Class XB) that received a health waiver under Public Interest Criteria 4007.

Please provide these statistics by financial year from July 1 2007 until the latest available date. Please provide a breakdown of these statistics by visa subclass.”

On 16 June 2017, the request was revised to data from 1 July 2011.

Refugee and Humanitarian Waivers, 2011–12 to 2015–16

Subclass	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16
200 - Refugee	60	95	90	77	93
201 - In-country special Humanitarian	0	0	<5	<5	<5
202 - Global Special Humanitarian	6	9	71	43	95
203 - Emergency Rescue	0	<5	0	<5	<5
204 - Woman At Risk	10	18	24	21	50

Data Notes:

- Numbers in the above table count Visa Applications that were GRANTED during the year in question. One Visa Application can cover multiple Visa Applicants (e.g. Family Members); due to the "one fails, all fail" rule, a larger number of Applicants (Family Members on the same Visa Application) would have been REFUSED a Visa if the individuals below had NOT been the subject of a Waiver of the Health Requirement.
- The numbers have been drawn from reports produced from DIBP Visa Application computer systems recording the number of Health Waivers exercised and incorporate a level of user error. Manual Quality Assurance work has been undertaken, comparing Visa Application records against Health System (HAP) records of Opinions recorded by Medical Officers of the Commonwealth. User error and the manual nature of the QA will impact the quality of the data outlined below. Going forward, the entire Waiver process is now recorded in one DIBP computer system (HAP); it is expected that this will enable significantly enhanced (incl. accuracy) reporting for subsequent years.