

FOI references: FA 17/05/01279; ADF2017/55513 – request for access to documents subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act).

On 24/05/2017, the Department received an FOI request. The applicant is seeking access to:

1. Number of partner visa applications lodged in the Australian Visa processing centre in Jordan in 2016 and 2017 to date (24 May 2017) by nationality (Iraqi and Syrian applicants)?

- The table below shows the number of Iraqi and Syrian primary visa applicants who lodged a Partner visa application in Amman from 2015-16 to date.

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2017 (BE10976.01)

Post Location	Citizenship	2015-16	2016-17 to 30/04/2017
Amman	Iraq	299	203
	Syria	64	58
Amman Total		363	261

2. Number of partner visa applications that were successful in 2016 and 2017, separately by year.

- The table below shows the number of Iraqi and Syrian primary visa applicants who were granted a Partner visa in Amman from 2015-16 to date.

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2017 (BE10976.02)

Post Location	Citizenship	2015-16	2016-17 to 30/04/2017
Amman	Iraq	265	258
	Syria	75	56
Amman Total		340	314

3. Number of decision makers in the visa processing centre in Jordan which decide partner visa applications.

- There are three locally engaged staff in Amman who make recommendations to the Senior Migration Officer on partner visa applications. There is only one decision maker - the Senior Migration Officer who manages the Family and Temporary Visa Unit.

4. What is the actual average waiting time for processing partner visa applications in 2016 and 2017 in the visa processing centre/embassy in Jordan?"

- The table below shows the average processing time (in days) for Partner visas finalised in Amman from 2015-16 to date.

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2017 (BE10976.03)

Post Location	2015-16	2016-17 to 30/04/2017
Amman	278.59	281.58