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**In reply please quote:**

FOI Request: FA 21/10/01071

File Number: OBJ2021/31551

Dear Ms Singh,

**Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Access Decision**

On 25 October 2021, the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) received a request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision on your request for access under the FOI Act.

**1 Scope of request**

You have requested access to the following document:

*I would like to enquire the figures of the following visa holders as per questions below:-*

*Q1: How many temporary visa holders, including (subclass 500, 485, 482, 457 & 476) that have an in-effect visa are outside Australia by Primary and Secondary applicants.*

*Q2: How many provisional visa holders, including subclass 489 & 491, have an in-effect visa are Outside Australia by Primary and Secondary applicants.*

**2 Authority to make decision**

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 records.

**3 Relevant material**

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

- the terms of your request
- the document relevant to the request
- the FOI Act
- Guidelines published by the Office of the Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the FOI Guidelines)

- advice from Departmental officers with responsibility for matters relating to the document to which you sought access

#### **4 Document in scope of request**

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department has used its computer system to produce two documents that contain information that falls within the scope of your request. The data produced in the documents existed in the possession of the Department on 25 October 2021 when your FOI request was received.

#### **5 Decision**

The decision in relation to the documents in the possession of the Department which fall within the scope of your request is as follows:

- Release two documents in full

#### **6 Legislation**

A copy of the FOI Act is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2017C00251>. If you are unable to access the legislation through this website, please contact our office for a copy.

#### **7 Your Review Rights**

##### *Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner*

You may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) for a review of this decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a request for a review to the OAIC, please see Fact Sheet 12 "Freedom of information – Your review rights", available online at <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-reviews>.

#### **8 Making a Complaint**

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your request.

Your enquiries to the Australian Information Commissioner can be directed to:

Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge)

Email [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)

There is no particular form required to make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner. The request should be in writing and should set out the grounds on which it is considered that the action taken in relation to the request should be investigated and identify the Department of Home Affairs as the relevant agency.

## 9 Contacting the FOI Section

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at [foi@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:foi@homeaffairs.gov.au).

*Signed electronically*

*Glen*

**Position number 60081621**

Authorised Decision Maker | Freedom of Information Section

FOI and Records Management Branch

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