



FOI Request FA 22/05/01185

I would like to request the below details for Parramatta and Blacktown councils in NSW as of the latest reporting date.

1. Number of applications waiting to be allocated to the Citizenship ceremony (who have been approved but are now waiting to be allocated to a ceremony)
2. Number of applicants approved per month who are still waiting for the ceremony at Blacktown and Parramatta councils

Caveats:

- This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request. Any other use of the information provided will require consideration and clearance by Data Division, and a separate request should be made to data clearance.
- It is the responsibility of the area providing Department of Home Affairs information to external stakeholders to ensure that the disclosure is in accordance with the ABF Act, Australian Privacy Principles or other relevant legislation.
- Regarding Immigration data, the Department's current policy is to mask numbers which are less than five as <5, noting we are reviewing the confidentiality method for the future.

1. (a) As at 27 May 2022, there were 1,115 people whose applications for Australian citizenship by conferral had been approved and were waiting to be attend an Australian citizenship ceremony at City of Parramatta Council (NSW). None of these had been allocated to a ceremony.

(b) As at 27 May 2022, there were 2,078 people whose applications for Australian citizenship by conferral had been approved and were waiting to attend an Australian citizenship ceremony at Blacktown City Council (NSW). Of these, 265 had not been allocated to a ceremony.
2. Refer to table 1 below:

Table 1: Number of people, as at 20 May 2022, whose application for Australian citizenship by conferral had been approved and who were waiting to attend an Australian citizenship ceremony at selected New South Wales councils, by month of application approval.

Year	Month of application Approval	Bayside Council	Canterbury-Bankstown Council	City Of Sydney	Georges River Council	Inner West Council	Randwick City Council
2020	January	0	0	0	<5	0	0
	February	0	0	0	<5	0	0
	March	0	0	0	0	0	0
	April	0	0	0	<5	0	0
	May	0	0	0	<5	0	0
	June	0	0	0	0	0	0
	July	0	<5	0	0	0	0
	August	0	0	0	<5	0	0
	September	0	0	0	0	0	0
	October	0	0	<5	<5	0	0
	November	<5	0	0	<5	0	<5
	December	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0
2021	January	0	<5	0	0	0	<5
	February	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
	March	7	0	<5	<5	0	0
	April	7	<5	<5	5	0	<5
	May	49	6	<5	<5	<5	<5
	June	183	14	10	24	0	<5
	July	64	19	5	34	0	0
	August	24	17	<5	18	0	<5
	September	12	<5	<5	6	0	<5
	October	<5	<5	0	7	<5	0
	November	19	11	5	18	6	<5
	December	95	11	34	73	<5	42
2022	January	140	33	125	67	48	88
	February	179	28	219	95	157	149
	March	211	38	289	92	138	167
	April	120	19	229	65	108	146
	May	122	115	187	79	94	123
Total		1239	326	1117	608	560	731

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