



Ref. FOI2022/00015

Hon Heidi Girolamo MLC
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Dear Ms Girolamo

APPLICATION MADE UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991*

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the FOI Act) received by the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS) on 1 September 2022 (application number 16492375). Your application sought access to:

“An index detailing how many business visa nominations were submitted, approved and rejected (not nominated) between January 2020 and July 2022, including the reason for rejection, and copies of any correspondence provided to the applicant informing them of the decision to reject.”

Date range – 1 January 2020 to 1 July 2022.

On 7 September 2022, your office confirmed a revised scope of the application seeking:

“An index detailing how many business visa nominations were submitted, approved and rejected (not nominated) between January 2020 and July 2022, including a list of reasons for rejection.

Copies of correspondence are no longer in scope.”

A search for documents held by DIIS was undertaken and in consultation with your office, an index summary to capture the revised scope of your application is enclosed.

To be nominated for a state nominated business visa, applicants must meet all state nomination requirements, as well as the Department of Home Affairs eligibility criteria. An application is refused when it has not met one or more of these requirements.

South Australia's nomination requirements for state nominated business visa applications can be located online at [Business Innovation and Investment \(Provisional\) visa | Move to South Australia \(migration.sa.gov.au\)](https://businessinnovationandinvestment.southaustralia.gov.au/move-to-south-australia).

The department screens and assesses each application against these requirements and criteria, before deciding on the outcome. If an applicant does not meet the requirements and criteria, their application will be refused, and a letter will be sent to them providing the refusal reason/s.

No fees and charges are payable for the processing of this determination in accordance with Section 53(2)(b) of the FOI Act.

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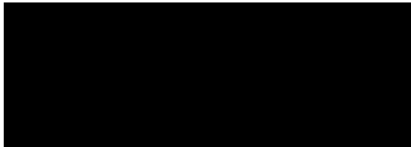
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In compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information (PC045), DIIS is required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the Act.

In accordance with this Circular, any non-personal information determined for release as part of this application will be published on the DIIS website.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you have a legal right of review and appeal in accordance with Section 29 of the FOI Act. Your review and appeal rights can be found by visiting the State Records of South Australia website at: <https://archives.sa.gov.au/finding-information/information-held-sa-government/making-freedom-information-application> .

Yours sincerely



Rosanne Davies
ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER
07 October 2022

Encl. Attachment 1 - Index summary

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Government of South Australia
Department for Industry,
Innovation and Science

Request:

An index detailing how many business visa nominations were submitted, approved and rejected (not nominated) between January 2020 and July 2022
Date range in application: from 1/01/2020 to 1/07/2022

Response:

There were 2,218 applications for state nominated business visas submitted between 1 January 2020 and 1 July 2022, of which 1,802 were approved, 324 refused and 92 withdrawn by the applicant.

Number of applications for state nominated business visas 1/01/2020 – 1/07/2022	
Submitted	2,218
Approved	1,802
Refused	324
Withdrawn	92