

1. Which part or parts of IND are currently responsible for such applications made by persons who have no current leave to enter/remain? For example are those applications dealt with by an enforcement office?

Answer: All 14 year Long Residence applications are dealt with in the United Kingdom Immigration Service (UKIS) Enforcement and Removals Directorate (ERD). They are dealt with by casework sections located at both IND HQ offices and at ERD's Local Enforcement Offices (LEOs).

2. If more than one part of IND is responsible for dealing with such applications, how are the cases allocated between different parts of IND?

Answer: All long residency applications under the 14 year rule received by IND are forwarded to ERD for consideration.

3. When were the current arrangements for allocation of such applications introduced?

Answer: The current arrangements for allocation of these applications were introduced in August 2003.

4. What is the current target time for determining applications made under paragraph 276B(i)(b)?

Answer: There are no specific targets for dealing with 14 year applications and they are not given particular priority. Casework resources in UKIS ERD are limited and there are other competing types of applications from immigration offenders that fall within ERD's remit.

5. What types of data has IND collected since January 2005 on the time taken to determine applications made under paragraph 276 (I) (b)?

Answer: No routine data has been collected on the time taken to determine the 14 year residence applications since January 2005.

6. How many applications have been made under paragraph 276B(i)(b) since April 2003, broken down by quarter?

Answer:

| Applications raised by calendar quarter | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Q1 | 0 | 668 | 886 | 761 |
| Q2 | 594 | 750 | 646 | 812 |
| Q3 | 587 | 749 | 696 | 751 |
| Q4 | 544 | 788 | 656 | 0 |

7. How many applications made under paragraph 276 B(i)(b) since April 2003 have been determined, broken down by quarter?

Answer:

| Applications determined by application date calendar quarter | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Q1 | 0 | 366 | 220 | 107 |
| Q2 | 396 | 348 | 145 | 61 |
| Q3 | 419 | 285 | 138 | 34 |
| Q4 | 395 | 237 | 100 | 0 |

8. In the case of applications determined under paragraph 276 B (I) (b) since January 2006, what was the mean period of receipt of the properly completed application form and the determination of the application, broken down by quarter? If IND has available data on different mean times for different types of case/parts of IND, please provide that data. If the mean times are not available, please provide other averages which are.

Answer:

| 2006 Mean determination times (days) | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Q1 | 493 |
| Q2 | 511 |
| Q3 | 541 |

9. According to the most recent data, how many applications made under paragraph 276B(i)(b) are pending a decision by IND? If only an estimate is available, please provide that. If only a minimum figure (ie there are more than X applications pending) is available, please provide that.

Answer:

| Undetermined applications by applications date calendar quarter | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Q1 | 0 | 302 | 666 | 654 |
| Q2 | 198 | 402 | 501 | 751 |
| Q3 | 168 | 464 | 558 | 717 |
| Q4 | 149 | 551 | 556 | 0 |

10. If there is/ are dedicated teams dealing with applications made under paragraph 276B(i)(b) how many full- time equivalent caseworkers are in that/ those teams? (If these applications are dealt with by general caseworking teams who deal with other cases, there is no need to provide details of staffing levels).

Answer: There is no dedicated team dealing with applications under paragraph 276B(i)(b), they are considered by general caseworking teams.