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AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE**

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRYWRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Select Committee COVID-19

**QoN Number: CV19-365**

**Subject: Prioritising Australians - ABF**

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

Is your agency aware of any Australian Government policy, process or procedure that is in place to ensure that stranded Australians will be prioritised over other potential entrants to Australia?

a. If yes:

i. Can you name those policies, processes or procedures?

ii. When did these policies, processes or procedures come into effect? b. If no:

i. Are any policies, processes or procedures being prepared to ensure that stranded?

**Answer:**

Please refer to CV19-366.

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**QoN Number:** CV19-369

**Subject: Citizens and Residents Departed Australia**

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

Please provide monthly data for the number of Australian citizens and permanent residents who have departed Australia after receiving an exemption from the Australian Border Force from 1 April 2020 to 25 September to indicate:

- a. The number of people who have travelled as part of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak, including the provision of aid
- b. The number of people who have travelled because their travel is essential for the conduct of critical industries and business (including export and import industries)
- c. The number of people who have travelled because their travel is for urgent medical treatment that is not available in Australia
- d. The number of people who have travelled because their travel is for urgent and unavoidable personal business
- e. The number of people who have travelled because they are travelling on compassionate or humanitarian grounds
- f. The number of people who have travelled because their travel is in the national interest

**Answer:**

It is not possible to provide this data without extracting and cross-referencing data from separate systems. Collating an accurate answer to this question would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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**QoN Number:** CV19-370

**Subject: Business Innovation and Investment visa**

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

When was the Business Innovation and Investment (subclass 188) visa added to the exemption list?

**Answer:**

On 2 September 2020, the Business Innovation and Investment Program (subclass 188) visa was added as an exempt subclass to Australia's inwards travel restrictions.

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**QoN Number: CV19-371**

**Subject: Citizens and Residents - Not yet returned to Australia**

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

Please provide the number of Australian citizens and permanent residents who have departed Australia from 1 April 2020 to 25 September after receiving an exemption from the Australian Border Force and have not yet returned to Australia.

**Answer:**

It is not possible to provide this data without extracting and cross-referencing data from separate systems. Collating an accurate answer to this question would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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**QoN Number: CV19-373**

**Subject:** Air Arrivals into Australia

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

Please provide monthly data for air arrivals into Australia from 1 April 2020 to 25 September to indicate the following. If this exact data is not available, please provide whatever data is available to help the COVID-19 Select Committee to understand the numbers of people arriving into Australia and under what categories, and what proportion are moving into quarantine.

- a. The number of people who arrived into Australia in total
  - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- b. The number of Australians, permanent residents, immediate family members of citizens/permanent residents, NZ citizens usually resident in Australia and their immediate family members
  - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- c. The number of diplomats accredited to Australia (holding a subclass 995 visa)
  - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- d. The number of people recruited under the Government approved Seasonal Worker Program or Pacific Labour Scheme
  - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- e. The number of people on a Business Innovation and Investment (subclass 188) visa
  - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- f. The number of people who arrived and were a non-citizen travelling at the invitation of the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority for the purpose of assisting in the COVID-19 response
  - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- g. The number of people who arrived and were providing critical or specialist medical services, including air ambulance, medical evacuations and delivering critical medical supplies
  - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- h. The number of people who arrived and were a non-citizen with critical skills or working in a critical sector in Australia

- i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine  
The number of people who arrived and were a non-citizen sponsored by your employer  
to work in Australia in an occupation on the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List (PMSOL)
- i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine  
j. The number of people who arrived and were a non-citizen whose entry would otherwise  
be in the national interest, supported by the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority
- i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine  
k. The number of people who arrived and were military personnel, including those who  
form part of the Status of Forces Agreement, Commonwealth Armed Forces, Asia Pacific Forces and Status of Armed Forces Agreement
- i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine  
l. The number of people who arrived and were a student completing year 11 and 12, with  
support from the relevant Australian State or Territory government health authority and education department
- i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine  
m. The number of people who arrived and were travelling for compassionate and compelling reasons.
- i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine

**Answer:**

In response to part A, B, C, D, E, K and L, table 1 provides air arrivals figures into Australia from 1 April 2020 until 25 September 2020.

Table 1: Air arrivals into Australia 1 April 2020 until 25 September 2020.

Question Number	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
a. Total number of air arrivals	64,374	60,405	67,378	59,652	60,039	51,134	362,982
b. Australian Citizens	16,457	12,596	15,265	11,991	9,894	8,427	74,630
b. New Zealand Citizens	1,493	2,590	3,092	1,837	1,825	1,771	12,608
b. Australian Permanent Residents	3,638	3,882	5,233	2,933	2,469	2,317	20,472
c. Diplomatic Visa Holders	19	28	55	114	171	166	553
d. Seasonal Worker Program and the Pacific Labour Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	161	162
e. Business Innovation And Investment Visa Holders	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	42	58
k. Special Purpose Military Travel Authority	<5	<5	29	52	43	50	178

I. Student Visa Holders (aged 16 to 20 years of age)	<5	14	11	<5	<5	5	41
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The Australian Border Force (ABF) does not hold data on:

- The number of travellers that arrived into Australia and entered mandatory quarantine under state and territory health arrangements.
- The immediate family members that may have returned to Australia with Australian citizens, permanent residents and New Zealand Citizens that usually reside in Australia.
- The number of diplomats accredited to Australia (holding a subclass 966 visa). The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade are the responsible agency for accrediting foreign diplomats in Australia. The figures in table 1 represent travellers who entered Australia on a Diplomatic (International Relations) (subclass 955) visa.

It is not possible to provide detailed data in response to part E, K and L without a manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources. The ABF however provides the following available data to assist the Committee:

- In response to part E, the number of travellers who entered Australia on a Business Innovations and Investment (subclass 188) visa.
- In response to part K, the number of military personnel who arrived via a Special Purpose Military Travel Authority.
- In response to part L, the number travellers who entered Australia on student visas and were aged between 16 to 20 years.

In response to part I, to provide the number of people who arrived and were non-citizens sponsored by an employer to work in Australia in an occupation on the Priority Migrant Skilled Occupation List would require manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources

In response to part M the data available to the ABF does not differentiate the travelers that arrived into Australia for compassionate and compelling reasons.

In response to part F, G, H and J the ABF does not hold data that meets this request.

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**QoN Number:** CV19-375

**Subject: Briefings Prepared – International Flight Cap**

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

For each of the following, please provide the relevant dates the brief was prepared, the title of the brief, and to whom the brief was provided to:

a. Briefs prepared for Ministers on the impact of introducing the international flight cap,

before Prime Minister announced the cap on 10 July 2020.

b. Briefs prepared internally in your Department for SES members on the impact of introducing the international flight cap, before Prime Minister announced the cap on 10 July 2020.

c. Briefs prepared for Ministers on the impact of the international flight cap, from 10 July

2020 to 24 September 2020.

d. Briefs prepared internally in your Department for SES members on the impact of international flight cap, 10 July 2020 to 24 September 2020.

e. Briefs prepared for Ministers on options for the Commonwealth to provide additional

support to the States to manage quarantine for international arrivals other than providing ADF personnel from 10 July 2020 to 24 September 2020.

f. Briefs prepared internally in your Department for SES members on options for the Commonwealth to provide additional support to the States to manage quarantine for international arrivals other than providing ADF personnel from 10 July 2020 to 24 September 2020

**Answer:**

Please refer to CV19-376.