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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-461

Subject: Percentage of Home Affairs/ABF workers in Australian airports fully vaccinated

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

What percentage of Home Affairs / ABF workers working in Australian airports are fully vaccinated? Please provide data broken down by state/territory or port. If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

Frontline border staff can perform a variety of operational roles, across the airport and seaport environments. Many of the roles require interaction with international travellers and crew, and Home Affairs and the ABF have prioritised the vaccination of their respective staff working in these areas. COVID-19 vaccination data captured by the Department reflects the deployable nature of the frontline workforce, and cannot be accurately interrogated to identify the 'airport-only' workforce.

The below table provides a state / territory breakdown of Home Affairs and ABF officers working in the airport and seaport environments who have received their first dose and, of those, officers who are fully vaccinated.

Home Affairs and ABF vaccination rates for frontline officers working in the airport and seaport environments (as at 13 July 2021)

State / Territory	Staff vaccinated (1 st dose)	Staff vaccinated (2 nd dose)
ACT	47.4%	80.9%
NSW	78.7%	82.4%
NT	85.4%	88.3%
QLD	78.4%	90.7%
SA	77.8%	83.1%
TAS	86.7%	92.3%
VIC	74.9%	73.0%
WA	85.1%	87.5%

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-455

Subject: Percentage of inbound travellers fully vaccinated

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, what percentage of inbound passengers arriving into Australia have been fully vaccinated (for COVID-19), broken down by month?

a. Please also provide this data broken down by vaccine type (i.e. Pfizer, AstraZeneca, etc..)

b. If the Department / ABF is not collecting this data, is the Department / ABF aware which Australian Government agency is collecting this data? If yes, please provide the name of that agency or agencies.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

As of 13 July 2021, the Department had not collected vaccination information for inbound travellers until the introduction of new questions into the Australia Travel Declaration (ATD). Travellers are now asked whether they have received a vaccination and the type, date and place of vaccination. These responses will be passed onto the Department of Health, along with the other health information collected through the ATD.

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-454

Subject: Percentage of outbound Australian travellers fully vaccinated

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, what percentage of Australian citizens or permanent residents who are granted an outward travel exemption have been fully vaccinated (for COVID-19), broken down by month?

a. If the Department / ABF is not collecting this data, is the Department / ABF aware which Australian Government agency is collecting this data? If yes, please provide the name of that agency or agencies.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

The Department does not collect vaccination information from outbound travellers.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-460

Subject: Most times an individual entering Australia has had to undertake mandatory government quarantine

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, what is the most times an individual has entered Australia and been required to undertake mandatory government quarantine?
If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

The Australian Border Force (ABF) records the movement of travellers and goods across the Australian border.

The ABF is unable to extract data on individuals making multiple trips from reportable systems. Manual extraction of this information constitutes an unreasonable diversion of resources for the ABF.

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-459

Subject: Number of outward travelling Australians granted exemption more than once under the category “Travel is for their business/employer”

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many Australian citizens or permanent residents who have been granted an outward travel exemption under the category: “Travel is for their business/employer” have entered Australia more than once? Please provide the data on a monthly basis.

If this exact information isn’t available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

It is not possible to provide this data without manual cross-referencing multiple systems, which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-458

Subject: Number of returned travellers that have made multiple trips

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many returned travellers have made multiple return trips back to Australia? Please provide as thorough data as possible. Where possible, please provide

- a. Monthly data
- b. Arrival port for returned travellers by month (i.e. Sydney had ### multiple trip returned travellers in April)
- c. Citizenship / permanent residency / visa status (i.e. Sydney had ### Australian citizens, ### Australian permanent residents, ### visa holder of visa-XXX multiple trip returned travellers in April)
- d. Exemption status (i.e. Sydney has ### automatically exempted travellers and ### ABF exempted travellers in April)

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

The Australian Border Force (ABF) records the movement of travellers and goods across the Australian border.

The ABF is unable to extract data on individuals making multiple trips from reportable systems. Manual extraction of this information constitutes an unreasonable diversion of resources for the ABF.

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-457

Subject: Number of Australians returned - by reason on incoming passenger card

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020 how many Australian citizens or permanent residents have returned to Australia, broken down by the reason indicated for their return on their incoming passenger card? Provide this data on a monthly basis if available. If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

The Australian Border Force (ABF) uses the Incoming Passenger Card to manage individual travellers appropriately through border processing. Information on travellers' reasons for return is not reportable from ABF systems.

The following table provides ABF data on monthly international arrivals of Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents into Australian states and territories from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021. Please note that the ABF does not categorise travel movements in terms of 'returns'.

Month	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Totals
March 2020	100	56,293	1,246	24,168	3,461	6	32,053	13,434	130,761
April 2020	0	7,310	404	3,085	644	7	6,722	1,955	20,127
May 2020	203	8,102	342	1,765	0	0	4,907	1,175	16,494
June 2020	274	9,697	529	3,234	260	<5	5,074	1,470	20,540
July 2020	50	9,260	399	2,209	316	0	174	2,528	14,936
August 2020	0	7,709	374	1,562	928	<5	146	1,660	12,382
September 2020	0	7,695	556	1,715	1,042	6	137	1,760	12,911
October 2020	18	9,545	828	2,838	1,407	<5	152	2,640	17,431
November 2020	171	11,201	1,274	4,193	815	101	263	3,526	21,544

December 2020	11	11,469	965	4,732	1,113	151	3,427	3,481	25,349
January 2021	0	7,836	1,544	3,606	1,657	47	3,929	2,531	21,150
February 2021	172	7,152	1,614	3,418	1,626	100	1,765	1,682	17,529
March 2021	133	9,882	1,827	4,633	1,773	78	420	2,768	21,514
April 2021	14	12,730	1,087	4,759	1,592	45	4,708	3,004	27,939
May 2021	34	23,715	1,775	13,539	1,928	200	12,618	2,444	56,253
June 2021	83	23,860	1,508	14,376	2,098	277	5,752	3,154	51,108
Total passenger arrivals from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021									487,968

Note: This table does not distinguish between Australian Citizen and Permanent Resident passengers or crew.

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-456

Subject: Number of Australians returned - by month and state/territory

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many Australian citizens or permanent residents have returned to Australia, broken down on a monthly basis? Please provide this data at a state/territory level is available.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

The following table provides ABF data on monthly international arrivals of Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents into Australian states and territories from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021. Please note that the ABF does not categorise travel movements in terms of 'returns'.

Month	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Totals
March 2020	100	56,293	1,246	24,168	3,461	6	32,053	13,434	130,761
April 2020	0	7,310	404	3,085	644	7	6,722	1,955	20,127
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August 2020	0	7,709	374	1,562	928	<5	146	1,660	12,382
September 2020	0	7,695	556	1,715	1,042	6	137	1,760	12,911
October 2020	18	9,545	828	2,838	1,407	<5	152	2,640	17,431
November 2020	171	11,201	1,274	4,193	815	101	263	3,526	21,544
December 2020	11	11,469	965	4,732	1,113	151	3,427	3,481	25,349
January 2021	0	7,836	1,544	3,606	1,657	47	3,929	2,531	21,150
February 2021	172	7,152	1,614	3,418	1,626	100	1,765	1,682	17,529

March 2021	133	9,882	1,827	4,633	1,773	78	420	2,768	21,514
April 2021	14	12,730	1,087	4,759	1,592	45	4,708	3,004	27,939
May 2021	34	23,715	1,775	13,539	1,928	200	12,618	2,444	56,253
June 2021	83	23,860	1,508	14,376	2,098	277	5,752	3,154	51,108
Total passenger arrivals from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021									487,968

Note: This table does not distinguish between Australian Citizen and Permanent Resident passengers or crew.

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-453

Subject: Number of exemptions granted for outward travelling persons - by category

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many individual exemptions for outward traveling persons from Australia have been granted, broken down by the following categories:

- a. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling as part of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak, including the provision of aid
- b. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling for their business/employer
- c. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling to receive urgent medical treatment that is not available in Australia
- d. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling outside Australia for a compelling reason for three months or longer
- e. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling on compelling or compassionate grounds
- f. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling in the national interest.
- g. Other

Where possible, please provide this data on a monthly basis.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

Outwards travel exemption requests approved* between 25 March 2020** and 30 June 2021, by Discretionary Category, by month.

Month	Discretionary Category						National interest	TOTALS
	Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak	Critical industries and business	Urgent medical treatment	Travelling overseas for at least 3 months ***	Urgent and unavoidable personal business	Compassionate and compelling grounds		
25 Mar – 30 Apr 2020	51	217	40	-	675	1,954	0	2,937
May 2020	65	783	41	-	897	1,683	38	3,507
Jun 2020	100	791	138	-	2,167	3,015	37	6,248
Jul 2020	106	1,129	220	-	4,321	4,129	45	9,950
Aug 2020	55	1,176	167	10,202	1,070	5,509	11	18,190
Sep 2020	33	1,337	103	7,303	920	4,685	17	14,398
Oct 2020	11	1,230	74	13,699	610	4,385	6	20,015
Nov 2020	9	1,198	61	11,717	488	3,239	<5	16,716
Dec 2020	8	1,102	38	8,872	538	2,495	17	13,070
Jan 2021	48	2,116	34	4,308	348	1,609	83	8,546
Feb 2021	43	2,230	67	4,635	271	2,062	97	9,405
Mar 2021	40	2,077	60	6,380	335	2,693	194	11,779
Apr 2021	50	1,950	78	5,375	269	2,028	121	9,871
May 2021	61	2,856	84	6,322	249	2,003	305	11,880
Jun 2021	66	3,110	61	7,562	348	2,793	577	14,517
TOTALS	746	23,302	1,266	86,375	13,506	44,282	1,552	171,029

Notes:

- i. An individual may submit more than one request.
- ii. * Excludes requests in which the individual was found to meet an already exempt category.
- iii. ** Outwards travel restrictions commenced 25 March 2020
- iv. *** Prior to 30 September 2020, this category was included within "Urgent and unavoidable personal business". "For a compelling reason" was added on 8 January 2021.

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-452

Subject: Number of exemptions granted for outward travelling persons

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many individual exemptions for outward traveling persons from Australia have been granted, broken down by month?
If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

Outwards travel exemption requests approved between 25 March 2020* and 30 June 2021, by month.

Month	Requests approved **
25 March – 30 April 2020	2,937
May 2020	3,507
June 2020	6,248
July 2020	9,950
August 2020	18,190
September 2020	14,398
October 2020	20,015
November 2020	16,716
December 2020	13,070
January 2021	8,546
February 2021	9,405
March 2021	11,779
April 2021	9,871
May 2021	11,880
June 2021	14,517
TOTAL	171,029

Notes:

** Outwards travel restrictions commenced 25 March 2020*

*** Excludes requests in which the individual was found to meet an already exempt category.*

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-451

Subject: Number of exemption applications by outward travelling persons - by category

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many individual exemptions for outward traveling persons from Australia have been applied for, broken down by the following categories:

- a. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling as part of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak, including the provision of aid
- b. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling for their business/employer
- c. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling to receive urgent medical treatment that is not available in Australia
- d. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling outside Australia for a compelling reason for three months or longer
- e. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling on compelling or compassionate grounds
- f. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling in the national interest.
- g. Other

Where possible, please provide this data on a monthly basis.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Outwards travel exemption requests received between 1 August 2020* and 30 June 2021, by reason for exemption, by month.

Month	Travelling overseas for at least three months	Compassionate and compelling grounds	Travel essential for the conduct of critical industries and business	Urgent and unavoidable personal business	Travelling to receive urgent medical treatment not available in Australia	Travel is in the national interest	Travel as part of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak	Not recorded **	TOTAL
Aug 2020	0	613	111	424	29	26	28	23,336	24,567
Sep 2020	<5	11,407	2,713	7,780	519	347	344	2,260	25,373
Oct 2020	11,486	8,891	2,111	3,708	409	249	181	122	27,157
Nov 2020	10,576	7,250	1,838	2,683	279	176	154	102	23,058
Dec 2020	8,748	5,705	2,556	1,817	215	176	228	57	19,502
Jan 2021	8,374	5,959	3,896	1,823	269	252	369	34	20,976
Feb 2021	9,310	6,192	4,050	2,117	348	180	221	25	22,443
Mar 2021	11,168	7,427	4,617	2,387	433	265	281	21	26,599
Apr 2021	9,599	6,745	4,338	2,119	378	203	322	11	23,715
May 2021	10,481	7,296	5,709	1,900	353	417	261	12	26,429
Jun 2021	12,540	9,697	6,414	1,797	349	931	280	11	32,019
TOTALS	92,285	77,182	38,353	28,555	3,581	3,222	2,669	25,991	271,838

Notes:

- i. An individual may submit more than one request.
- ii. * A further 91,956 outwards travel exemption requests were received between 25 March (when travel restrictions commenced) and 31 July 2020. However data cannot be disaggregated by reason for exemption prior to 1 August 2020, when processing of travel exemption requests moved to the Travel Exemption Portal.
- iii. ** No information available (for example where the client completed a different request form in error, or before the system captured this data).

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-450

Subject: Number of individual exemption applications

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many individual exemptions for outward traveling persons from Australia have been applied for, broken down by month?
If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

Outwards travel exemption requests received between 25 March 2020* and 30 June 2021, by month.

Month	Requests received
25 March – 30 April 2020	13,628
May 2020	18,517
June 2020	27,686
July 2020	32,125
August 2020	24,567
September 2020	25,373
October 2020	27,157
November 2020	23,058
December 2020	19,502
January 2021	20,976
February 2021	22,443
March 2021	26,599
April 2021	23,715
May 2021	26,429
June 2021	32,021
TOTAL	363,796

Notes:

- i. An individual may submit more than one request.*
- ii. * Outwards travel restrictions commenced 25 March 2020*

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-449

Subject: Number of outward travelling persons - by category

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020 how many outward traveling persons from Australia have there been, broken down by the following categories:

- a. ordinarily resident in a country other than Australia
- b. an airline, maritime crew or associated safety worker
- c. a New Zealand citizen holding a Special Category (subclass 444) visa, even if they are usually resident in Australia
- d. engaged in the day-to-day conduct of inbound and outbound freight
- e. travelling in association with essential work at an offshore facility in Australian waters
- f. travelling on official government business (including members of the Australian Defence Force and any Australian Government official travelling on a diplomatic or official passport)
- g. travelling directly to New Zealand and you have been in Australia or New Zealand for 14 days or more immediately before your travel date
- h. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling as part of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak, including the provision of aid
- i. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling for their business/employer
- j. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling to receive urgent medical treatment that is not available in Australia
- k. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling outside Australia for a compelling reason for three months or longer
- l. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling on compelling or compassionate grounds
- m. an Australian citizen or a permanent resident that is travelling in the national interest.
- n. Other

Where possible, please provide this data on a monthly basis.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

- A. This information is not reportable from Australian Border Force (ABF) systems. This is a border exemption category, the number of exemptions under this category can be provided, however this may not relate to the number of travelers for the same period.
- B. 750,815 outward travelling persons from Australia were identified as airline or maritime crew. ABF systems cannot identify travellers categorised as safety workers.
- C. 158,241 outward travelling persons from Australia were identified as New Zealand citizens holding a Special Category (subclass 444) visa.
- D. This information is not reportable from ABF systems, these individuals would be captured as crew.
- E. This information is not reportable from ABF systems. This is a border exemption category, the number of exemptions under this category can be provided, however this may not relate to the number of travelers for the same period.
- F. 10,307 outward travelling persons from Australia were identified as Australian Government officials travelling on a diplomatic or official passport. ABF systems cannot identify all persons travelling on official government business, including members of the Australian Defence Force.
- G. This information is not reportable from ABF systems.
- H. This information is not reportable from ABF systems. This is a border exemption category, the number of exemptions under this category can be provided, however this may not relate to the number of travelers for the same period.
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- M. This information is not reportable from ABF systems. This is a border exemption category, the number of exemptions under this category can be provided, however this may not relate to the number of travelers for the same period.

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-448

Subject: Number of outward travelling persons

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many outward traveling persons from Australia have there been, broken down by month.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

The following table provides ABF data on all outwards travelling persons via air or sea, irrespective of traveller type from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021:

Month	Totals
March 2020	189,187
April 2020	119,382
May 2020	75,658
June 2020	81,993
July 2020	96,893
August 2020	105,550
September 2020	93,419
October 2020	93,099
November 2020	91,239
December 2020	101,310
January 2021	90,051
February 2021	76,644
March 2021	80,587
April 2021	114,670
May 2021	162,511
June 2021	153,010
Total departures from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021	1,725,203

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-447

Subject: Number of exemptions for inward travelling persons for compassionate and compelling reasons - resident relationships

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, of the inward traveling persons that were granted an exemption under the category “travelling for compassionate and compelling reasons”, what number of them are:

- a. parents of Australian citizens and/or permanent residents
- b. partners of Australian citizens and/or permanent residents
- c. children of Australian citizens and/or permanent residents

Where possible, please provide this data on a monthly basis.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

Refer to question CV219-444.

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-446

Subject: Number of individual exemptions granted for inwards travelling persons - by category

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many individual exemptions for inward traveling persons to Australia have been granted, broken down by the following categories:

- a. a foreign national 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
- e. a foreign national whose entry into Australia would be in the national interest, supported by the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority
- f. providing critical or specialist medical services, including air ambulance, medical evacuations and delivering critical medical supplies
- g. a foreign national with critical skills or working in a critical sector in Australia
- h. a foreign national sponsored by your employer to work in Australia in an occupation on the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List (PMSOL)
- i. 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
- j. a person who resides on a vessel that seeks safe port at the closest appointed port for reprovisioning or safety reasons for a limited duration, supported by the relevant State or Territory government where safe haven is sought
- k. a student completing year 11 and 12, with endorsement from the federal Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE) and; support from the relevant Australian State or Territory government health authority and education department.
- l. a student in your final two years of study of a medical, dental, nursing or allied health profession university degree, where you have evidence of a confirmed placement in an Australian hospital or medical practice which begins within the next two months
- m. travelling for compassionate and compelling reasons
- n. Other

Where possible, please provide this data on a monthly basis.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

The data cannot be disaggregated to the level requested but can be provided broken down by the discretionary categories below.

Inwards travel exemption requests approved between 20 March 2020 and 30 June 2021, by Discretionary Category, by month.

Month	Discretionary Category						TOTALS
	Compassionate and compelling*	Critical skills – Medical**	Critical skills – other	National interest (including diplomatic)	Urgent Medical Treatment	Transit	
Mar 2020	674	116	47	61	<5	785	1,685
Apr 2020	297	104	173	13	10	4,091	4,688
May 2020	191	45	271	18	19	738	1,282
Jun 2020	496	73	438	77	24	1,339	2,447
Jul 2020	932	201	1,093	70	44	824	3,164
Aug 2020	824	315	2,318	119	51	-	3,627
Sep 2020	759	162	2,828	143	43	-	3,935
Oct 2020	1,004	116	3,179	228	44	-	4,571
Nov 2020	925	104	2,337	86	58	-	3,510
Dec 2020	1,204	95	2,378	124	72	-	3,873
Jan 2021	502	48	1,843	75	53	-	2,521
Feb 2021	718	47	2,295	176	54	-	3,290
Mar 2021	660	61	2,514	378	51	-	3,664
Apr 2021	638	84	2,328	310	48	-	3,408
May 2021	711	30	2,236	319	57	-	3,353
Jun 2021	988	177	2,669	229	62	-	4,125
TOTALS	11,523	1,778	28,947	2,426	692	7,777	53,143

Notes:

- i. An individual may submit more than one request.
- ii. Excludes requests in which the individual was found to meet an already exempt category.
- iii. * includes year 11 and 12 students and vessels seeking safe haven
- iv. ** includes students in the final two years of study of a medical related degree

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-445

Subject: Number of individual exemptions granted for inwards travelling persons

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many individual exemptions for inward traveling persons to Australia have been granted? Where possible, please provide this data on a monthly basis.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

Inwards travel exemption requests approved between 20 March 2020 and 30 June 2021, by month.

Month	Requests approved
March 2020	1,685
April 2020	4,688
May 2020	1,282
June 2020	2,447
July 2020	3,164
August 2020	3,627
September 2020	3,935
October 2020	4,571
November 2020	3,510
December 2020	3,873
January 2021	2,521
February 2021	3,290
March 2021	3,664
April 2021	3,408
May 2021	3,353
June 2021	4,125
TOTAL	53,143

Notes:

- i. Excludes requests in which the individual was found to meet an already exempt category.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-444

Subject: Number of exemption applications for compassionate and compelling reasons

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, of the inward traveling persons that applied for an exemption under the category, “travelling for compassionate and compelling reasons”, what number are:

- a. parents of Australian citizens and/or permanent residents
- b. partners of Australian citizens and/or permanent residents
- c. children of Australian citizens and/or permanent residents
- d. other

Where possible, please provide this data on a monthly basis.

If this exact information isn’t available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

Parents (where the child is a minor), *de facto* partners and minor children are classed as immediate family. Immediate family of Australian citizens and/or permanent residents are exempt from inwards travel restrictions. The Travel Exemptions Portal does not capture data on relationships unless found to be the immediate family member of an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

As the categories listed are not captured in the Travel Exemptions Portal, it is not possible to provide this data without undertaking examination of individual records, which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-443

Subject: Exemptions for inward travelling persons - by category

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many individual exemptions for inward traveling persons to Australia have been applied for, broken down by the following categories:

- a. a foreign national 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
- b. a foreign national whose entry into Australia would be in the national interest, supported by the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority
- c. providing critical or specialist medical services, including air ambulance, medical evacuations and delivering critical medical supplies
- d. a foreign national with critical skills or working in a critical sector in Australia
- e. a foreign national sponsored by your employer to work in Australia in an occupation on the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List (PMSOL)
- f. 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
- g. a person who resides on a vessel that seeks safe port at the closest appointed port for reprovisioning or safety reasons for a limited duration, supported by the relevant State or Territory government where safe haven is sought
- h. a student completing year 11 and 12, with endorsement from the federal Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE) and; support from the relevant Australian State or Territory government health authority and education department.
- i. a student in your final two years of study of a medical, dental, nursing or allied health profession university degree, where you have evidence of a confirmed placement in an Australian hospital or medical practice which begins within the next two months.
- j. travelling for compassionate and compelling reasons.
- k. Other

Where possible, please provide this data on a monthly basis, and, if possible, broken down by state/territory.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

Requests received can only be categorised by client-selected Enquiry Type. It is not possible to disaggregate these categories beyond the presented data-set.

Inwards travel exemption requests received between 1 August 2020* and 30 June 2021, by Enquiry Type, by month.

Month	Enquiry Type						TOTALS
	Compelling or Compassionate	Critical Skills	Immediate Family of Australian citizen or permanent resident	Urgent Medical Treatment or Evacuation	New Zealand citizen usually resident in Australia	Event**	
Aug 2020	10,012	5,399	5,764	198	697	N/A	22,070
Sept 2020	10,308	5,850	5,020	119	713	N/A	22,010
Oct 2020	11,012	6,584	5,490	160	403	N/A	23,649
Nov 2020	10,837	5,882	5,803	159	229	N/A	22,910
Dec 2020	10,763	5,611	5,024	179	296	340	22,213
Jan 2021	9,680	4,729	5,048	165	324	409	20,355
Feb 2021	9,640	5,418	4,614	170	337	458	20,637
Mar 2021	9,760	6,614	5,424	177	402	11	22,388
Apr 2021	9,227	6,250	4,898	182	340	34	20,931
May 2021	9,906	5,849	5,845	204	385	316	22,505
June 2021	10,553	7,583	5,564	225	390	723	25,038
TOTALS	111,698	65,769	58,494	1,938	4,516	2,291	224,706

Notes:

- i. An individual may submit more than one request.
- ii. * A further 87,672 inwards travel exemption requests were received between 20 March and 31 July 2020. However data cannot be disaggregated by enquiry type prior to 1 August 2020, when processing of travel exemption requests moved to the Travel Exemption Portal.
- iii. ** 'Event of economic benefit to Australia' has been included as an Enquiry Type option on the travel exemption request form from 4 December 2020.

Inwards travel exemption requests received between 1 August 2020* and 30 June 2021, by Enquiry Type, by state.**

State	Enquiry Type						TOTALS
	Compelling or Compassionate	Critical Skills	Immediate Family of Australian citizen or permanent resident	Urgent Medical Treatment or Evacuation	New Zealand citizen usually resident in Australia	Event	
ACT	3,187	1,127	1,048	47	44	534	5,987
NSW	36,958	21,700	20,375	1,006	1,067	366	81,472
NT	1,895	1,203	493	13	67	25	3,696
QLD	18,001	10,038	11,120	295	1,448	299	41,201
SA	8,827	5,368	2,665	85	57	288	17,290
TAS	2,929	2,148	588	12	14	33	5,724
VIC	28,301	14,727	14,552	366	1,073	60	59,079
WA	11,146	9,207	7,163	102	722	17	28,357
Not recorded	455	250	490	12	24	669	1,900
TOTALS	111,699	65,768	58,494	1,938	4,516	2,291	244,706

Notes:

- i. An individual may submit more than one request.*
- ii. * Data cannot be disaggregated by enquiry type prior to 1 August 2020, when processing of travel exemption requests moved to the Travel Exemption Portal.*
- iii. ** Based on client declared information provided in the submitted travel exemption request form*

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Select Committee COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-442

Subject: Number of exemption applications for inward travelling persons

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many individual exemptions for inward traveling persons to Australia have been applied for, broken down on a monthly basis?
If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

Inwards travel exemption requests received between 20 March 2020 and 30 June 2021, by month.

Month	Requests received
March 2020	8,227
April 2020	11,720
May 2020	18,043
June 2020	24,830
July 2020	24,852
August 2020	22,070
September 2020	22,010
October 2020	23,649
November 2020	22,910
December 2020	22,213
January 2021	20,355
February 2021	20,637
March 2021	22,388
April 2021	20,931
May 2021	22,505
June 2021	25,036
TOTAL	332,376

Notes:

- i. An individual may submit more than one request.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-441

Subject: Number of international passenger arrivals – by category

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, how many International passenger arrivals have arrived in Australia, broken down by the following categories:

- a. an Australian citizen
- b. a permanent resident of Australia
- c. an immediate family member of an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- d. a New Zealand citizen usually resident in Australia and their immediate family members
- e. a person who has been in New Zealand or Australia for 14 days or more immediately prior to arrival by air in Australia
- f. a diplomat accredited to Australia, including their immediate family members
- g. a person transiting Australia for 72 hours or less
- h. airline crew, maritime crew including marine pilots
- i. a person recruited under the Government approved Seasonal Worker Program or Pacific Labour Scheme
- j. a person who holds a Business Innovation and Investment (subclass 188) visa.
- k. a foreign national 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
- l. a foreign national whose entry into Australia would be in the national interest, supported by the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority
- m. a person providing critical or specialist medical services, including air ambulance, medical evacuations and delivering critical medical supplies
- n. a foreign national with critical skills or working in a critical sector in Australia
- o. a foreign national sponsored by their employer to work in Australia in an occupation on the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List (PMSOL)
- p. 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
- q. a person who resides on a vessel that seeks safe port at the closest appointed port for reprovisioning or safety reasons for a limited duration
- r. a student completing year 11 and 12, with endorsement from the federal Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE) and; support from the

relevant Australian State or Territory government health authority and education department.

s. a student in your final two years of study of a medical, dental, nursing or allied health profession university degree, where you have evidence of a confirmed placement in an Australian hospital or medical practice which begins within the next two months.

t. travelling for compassionate and compelling reasons.

u. Other

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

- A. 373,128 Australian citizen passengers—Arrivals on an Australian passport.
- B. 85,945 Permanent residents—Arrivals on an Australian visa within the subclass series 100, 200 and 800.
- C. This information is not reportable from ABF systems without manual examination of individual records which would constitute an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- D. 160,058 New Zealand citizen passengers—Arrivals on a New Zealand passport.
- E. This information is not reportable from ABF systems without manual examination of individual records which would constitute an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- F. 2,327 passengers arrived on a Diplomatic (subclass 995) visa.
- G. 4,777 passengers arrived using a Transit (subclass 771) visa.
- H. 732,197 arriving travellers were identified as airline or maritime crew.
- I. 8,366 passengers arrived who were recruited under the Government approved Seasonal Worker Program or Pacific Labour Scheme.
- J. 3,516 passengers arrived using a Business Innovation and Investment (subclass 188) visa.
- K. This information is not reportable from ABF systems. This is a border exemption category, the number of exemptions under this category can be provided, however this may not relate to the number of travelers for the same period.
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- Q. This information is not reportable from ABF systems. This is a border exemption category, the number of exemptions under this category can be provided, however this may not relate to the number of travelers for the same period.
- R. 4,527 passengers arrived on Student visas.
- S. As per response to R
- T. This information is not reportable from ABF systems. This is a border exemption category, the number of exemptions under this category can be provided, however this may not relate to the number of travelers for the same period.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-440

Subject: Number of international air passengers arriving on a monthly basis

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, what is the number of international air passengers (that count towards the international air passenger arrival caps) that have arrived in Australia nationally on a monthly basis. Please also provide the same data broken down by state and territory (of their arrival) on a monthly basis.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

This information is not reportable from Australian Border Force (ABF) systems and would require manual review of individual incoming traveller records to remove travellers that are auto exempted from hotel quarantine caps (Green Zone flights, transits, crew, diplomats, etc). Travellers may also seek an exemption from hotel quarantine arrangements from the relevant State or Territory authority, the ABF does not have access to this information.

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-439

Subject: Number of places available in mandatory government controlled designated quarantine facilities

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, is this Department aware of how many mandatory government controlled designated quarantine facilities* places have been available each month? If yes, please provide this data broken down by state and territory on a monthly basis. *Commonly referred to as “hotel quarantine” but also including non-hotel facilities like Howard Springs, NT.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

Answer:

Quarantine arrangements are managed and enforced by state and territory governments.

The Australian Border Force (ABF) does not record data on availability of quarantine places.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-438

Subject: Commonwealth responsibility for monitoring quarantine implementation

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020, which Commonwealth agency or agencies has been overall responsibility for monitoring the implementation of quarantine in Australia?

Answer:

Australia's response to COVID-19 is a joint effort, coordinated between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories.

As part of this response, everyone has their role to play. Quarantine arrangements during COVID-19 have been predominantly a matter for State and Territory governments.

States and Territories have a broad range of public health and emergency response powers available under public and emergency management legislation for responding to health emergencies such as COVID-19.

The Commonwealth is committed to supporting those State and Territory quarantine arrangements. This support includes a bilateral agreement with the Northern Territory government to prioritise the return of our most vulnerable Australians at the Centre for National Resilience located at Howard Springs.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-437

Subject: Passenger flight arrivals

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Since 20 March 2020 how many passenger flights have arrived in Australia, broken down by the following categories:

- a. Regular commercial flight
- b. Government facilitated charter
- c. Private charter flight
- d. Defence
- e. Foreign diplomatic private flight
- f. Other

Please provide the data on a monthly basis.

Answer:

The Australian Border Force (ABF) records the movement of travellers and goods across the Australian border. The ABF is unable to disaggregate details of aircraft arrivals as entities from reportable systems. Manual extraction of this information constitutes an unreasonable diversion of resources for the ABF.