

**SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 INTO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S  
RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

ANSWERS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications**

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**Division/Agency:** International Aviation Technology & Services

**Topic:** Awareness of international air passenger arrival cap

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**Senator Kristina Keneally asked:**

Since 20 March 2020, please provide details of the international air passenger arrival cap. Please provide the total cap on a monthly basis. Please also provide the same data broken down by state and territory on a monthly basis.

**Answer:**

International passenger arrivals caps were first introduced in July 2020. The table below outlines weekly arrivals caps for each state by month, noting there were variations within specific months as outlined in the notes.

Year	Month	NSW (per week)	VIC (per week)	QLD (per week)	SA (per week)	WA (per week)	TOTAL (per week)
2020	July	3,150*	0**	500	-	525	4,175
	August	2,450*	0	500	500	525	3,975
	September	2,450*	0	1,000	500	525	4,475
	October	2,940	0	1,000	600	1,025	5,565
	November	3,000	0	1,300	600****	1,025	5,925
	December	3,000	1,120	1,300	490****	1,025	6,935
2021	January	3,010*	1,120	1,300***	490	1,025*****	6,945
	February	3,010*	1,120**	1,300	530	512	6,472
	March	3,010	0	1,300	530	1,025	5,865
	April	3,010	880	650***	530****	1,025	6,095
	May	3,010	1,000	1,300	530	512*****	6,352
	June	3,010	1,000	1,300	530	530	6,370
	July*****	1,505	500	650	265	265	3,185
	August	1,505	500	650	265	265	3,185

Notes

\* In NSW the international passenger arrival caps were subject to temporary reductions from 3,150 to 2,450 on 20 July 2020 to 27 September 2020, and from 3,010 to 1,505 from 15 January 2021 to 15 February 2021.

\*\* In Victoria all international passenger arrivals were suspended from 1 July 2020 to 6 December 2020 and from 14 February 2021 to 7 April 2021.

\*\*\* In Queensland international passenger arrivals were reduced from 1,300 to 650 from 15 January 2021 to 14 February 2021 and again from 1,300 to 650 from 31 March to 30 April 2021.

\*\*\*\* In SA international passenger arrivals were suspended from 21 November to 30 November 2020, and returned at 490 arrivals in December 2020 to 14 February 2021, and were temporarily suspended from 25 April 2021 to 27 April 2021 and from 26 July 2021 to 27 July 2021.

\*\*\*\*\* In WA international passenger arrivals were reduced from 1,025 to 512 from 15 January 2021 to 14 February 2021 and again from 29 April until 31 May 2021. WA cap temporarily returned to 530 in June 2021.

\*\*\*\*\* All caps halved from 14 July 2021 to 31 August 2021.

The Northern Territory, the Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania have also received international repatriation flights during the period.