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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-435

Subject: Exemptions for outbound travel

Asked by: Katy Gallagher

Question:

How many exemptions for outbound travel have been granted since the Federal Government's travel restrictions were implemented?

Answer:

Between 25 March 2020 and 17 May 2021 inclusive, 150,687 outwards travel exemption requests have been approved.

Note: 'Requests' means individuals who sought an exemption. An individual may submit more than one request.

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Subject: Top 10 destinations for outbound travel exemptions

Asked by: Katy Gallagher

Question:

Please provide the following breakdown:

- a. the top 10 destinations by country for outbound travel exemptions;
- b. the numbers of exemptions granted for those countries;
- c. the origin by state or territory of those granted travel exemptions;

Answer:

Outbound travel restriction exemptions granted between 1 August 2020 and 17 May 2021 inclusive, by top 10 intended destination countries:

Intended destination country	Exemptions approved¹
Canada	3,013
Indonesia	2,382
Papua New Guinea	3,284
Singapore	3,853
New Zealand	5,341
Pakistan	4,944
United States of America	9,847
United Kingdom	11,827
China	13,691
India	11,716

Note: Processing of travel exemption requests moved to the Travel Exemptions Portal on 1 August 2020. Travel exemption data cannot be disaggregated by intended destination country prior to this date.

Outbound travel restriction exemption requests approved between 13 February and 17 May 2021, by Australian state (based on client declared contact details provided in their travel exemption request):

¹ Excludes requests where the person was found to meet an already exempt category.

Australian state	Approved requests
NSW	6,085
VIC	5,682
QLD	2,737
WA	1,979
SA	776
ACT	473
TAS	148
NT	76

Note: Travel exemption data cannot be disaggregated by Australian state prior to 13 February 2021 without manual checking, which would constitute an unreasonable diversion of resources.