



Freedom of Information Request FA 20/08/00060

1. The number of, and statistics in relation to, applications for permission to enter Australia under COVID-19 travel restrictions which the Department of Home Affairs in the months of June and July 2020 respectively — a. Received; b. Approved; and c. Refused.
2. The numbers under 1(a)–(c) above by the following categories of exemption: a. Business leaders; b. Compassionate; c. Critical skill – medical; d. Critical skill – other; e. Diplomatic; f. Medevac patients; g. Students; h. Protection visa holders; and i. Transits.
3. The numbers under categories 2(a)–(d) above by: a. subclass of visa held by the applicant; and b. nationality of the applicant. [Note: data is not available.]
4. The number of, and statistics in relation to, applications for permission to exit Australia under COVID-19 travel restrictions which the Department of Home Affairs in the months of June and July 2020 respectively — a. Received; b. Approved; and c. Refused.
5. The numbers under 4(a)–(c) above by the following categories of exemption: a. Response to the COVID-19 outbreak; b. Critical industries and business; c. Urgent medical treatment not available in Australia; d. Urgent and unavoidable personal business; and e. Compassionate or humanitarian grounds.

Discretionary exemption outcomes			
Inwards discretion outcomes 20 March to 31 July 2020			
	Received	Refused	Approved
Business Leaders	-	s. 47F(1)	14
Compassionate	38,047	1,570	2,377
Critical Skill - medical	-	6	539
Critical Skill - Other	9,860	75	2,008
Diplomatic	-	s. 47F(1)	239
Medevac Patients	73	8	99
TPV/SHEV	-	30	201
Students	-	14	12
Transits	11,756	9	7,777
TOTAL	59,736	s. 47F(1)	13,266

Outwards discretion outcomes 25 March to 31 July 2020			
	Total received	Refused	Approved
COVID-19	-	56	322
Critical Industry and Business	-	350	2,920
Medical treatment	-	152	439
Personal business	-	2,199	8,060
Compassionate	-	4,352	10,781
National Interest	-	14	120
TOTAL	91,956	7,123	22,642
*Please note the figures do not include the number of applications withdrawn, automatically exempt, or that do not meet the threshold for consideration by a delegate. Much of data has been drawn manually from multiple systems and should therefore be considered as a guide.			