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Travel Exemptions Processing Report

		October 2020 - January 2021	
Travel exemption requests received (a request may include more than one person)			
Outwards		90,693	
Inwards		89,127	
Outward travel exemption decisions			
Category		Approved	Refused²
Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak		76	10
Critical industries and business		5,646	964
Urgent medical treatment		207	192
Travelling overseas for a compelling reason for at least 3 months ¹		38,596	2,634
Urgent and unavoidable personal business		1,984	1,323
Compassionate and compelling grounds		11,728	15,323
National interest		110	13
TOTALS		58,347	20,459
Otherwise finalised ³		10,947	
Total finalisations for outwards travel exemptions		89,753	

Inward travel exemptions decisions		
Category	Approved	Refused²
Compassionate and compelling	3,630	35,303
Critical skills – Medical	363	92
Critical skills – other	9,736	10,852
National interest (including diplomatic)	513	11
Urgent Medical Treatment	226	187
TOTALS	14,468	46,445
Otherwise finalised ³	26,659	
Total finalisations for inwards travel exemptions	87,572	

¹ 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.

² Refused requests generally failed to support their claims or did not meet the guidelines for an exemption to be approved

³ Otherwise finalised includes persons found to meet an already exempt category, withdrawn requests and those that did not contain sufficient information for referral to a decision maker.

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