

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 July 2021 1:18 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** Draft QoNs Responses [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** IQ21-000136 001 Number of places available in mandatory government controlled designated quarantine facilities.docx; IQ21-000152 001 Percentage of inbound travellers fully vaccinated.docx; IQ21-000154 001 Number of returned travellers that have made multiple trips.docx; IQ21-000134 001 Passenger flight arrivals.docx; IQ21-000135 001 Commonwealth responsibility for monitoring quarantine implementation.docx

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Draft QoN responses for your consideration.

Happy to revise if required.

Thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 438**

**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 ABF does not record flight arrivals in the categories that have been requested.

Theoretically, the ABF can provide a listing of all flights that have arrived into Australia. However, it would be a manual line-by-line process to identify what category each flight would fit. There would be a high degree of risk that the information provided would be inaccurate given there is no way for border systems to identify the breakdown listed. This is likely to constitute an unreasonable diversion of resources for the ABF.

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 439**

**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:**

The Australian Border Force (ABF) and Department of Home Affairs do not hold the responsibility for monitoring the implementation of quarantine arrangements. However, the ABF and Department of Home Affairs, work closely with both Commonwealth and State and Territory governments to support mandatory quarantine arrangements. Quarantine arrangements are managed and enforced by state and territory governments with Commonwealth support.

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 440**

**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:**

The Australian Border Force (ABF) and Department of Home Affairs do not hold the responsibility for monitoring the implementation of quarantine arrangements. Quarantine arrangements are managed and enforced by state and territory governments with Commonwealth support. It is likely that the Department of Health and its State and Territory partners may be in a better position to address questions regarding quarantine facilities.

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**From:** OCP Executive Support  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 July 2021 1:22 PM  
**To:** Sarah NICOLSON  
**Cc:** OCP Executive Support; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Remaining QoNs [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Attachments:** IQ21-000138 001 Number of international passenger arrivals - by category.docx;  
 IQ21-000146 001 Number of outward travelling persons - by category.docx

**Categories:** s. 22(1) TO DO

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Please see attached updated QoNs for your clearance.

Kind Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Officer to Kylie Rendina  
 Assistant Commissioner  
 Operational Coordination and Planning  
 Australian Border Force

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**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 9:05 PM  
**To:** Sarah NICOLSON s. 47E(d) @abf.gov.au>  
**Cc:** OCP Executive Support s. 47E(d) @abf.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FOR CLEARANCE: Remaining QoNs [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Please find attached remaining QoNs for the COVID committee.

I can get KR to clear in the morning if you don't have time to clear.

Kind Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 442**

**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. 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.
- 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.
- L. 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.
- 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.
- N. 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.

- O. 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.
- P. 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.
- 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: 450**

**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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SES Contact Officer: Phil Brezzo, A/g Deputy Commissioner Ports and Enforcement

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**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, 23 July 2021 2:25 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: FOR ACTION: COVID-19 QoNs - Due 10am Friday 9 July 2021  
 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Attachments:** IQ21-000133 001 International passenger arrivals.docx; IQ21-000134 001 Passenger flight arrivals.docx; IQ21-000135 001 Commonwealth responsibility for monitoring quarantine implementation.docx; IQ21-000136 001 Number of places available in mandatory government controlled designated quarantine facilities.docx; IQ21-000137 001 Number of international air passengers arriving on a monthly basis.docx; IQ21-000138 001 Number of international passenger arrivals - by category.docx; IQ21-000145 001 Number of outward travelling persons.docx; IQ21-000146 001 Number of outward travelling persons - by category.docx; IQ21-000152 001 Percentage of inbound travellers fully vaccinated.docx; IQ21-000153 001 Number of Australians returned - by reason on incoming passenger card.docx; IQ21-000154 001 Number of returned travellers that have made multiple trips.docx; IQ21-000158 001 Number of Australians returned - by month and state-territory.docx; IQ21-000145 001 Number of outward travelling persons.docx

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

It would be negligent for me to not highlight the risks of the rapid responses which were required in this instance of responding to these QoNs.

The rapid timeframe to respond to the approximately 50 questions contained within these 12 QoNs was inadequate for the CRU in its current capacity and capability to build the required bespoke reporting to confidently address them. The reality was there was approximately a week's work effort to do this, which did not include an opportunity for adequate cross-checking or due diligence. (Data clearance is primarily superficial as it does not necessarily include either cross-checking or due diligence).

Consequently there is an increased risk error in the rapid responses ABF provided, let alone a risk we cannot provide consistency in the future as some of the data definitions applied may not have been adequately captured, nor endorsed by the appropriate business owner.

In addition there probably needs to be a greater understanding that data stabilisation has often not occurred when we do reporting to recent dates as data cleansing has often not occurred.

Happy to discuss.

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**Subject:** FW: FOR ACTION: COVID-19 QoNs - Due 10am Friday 9 July 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Team,

We have received a number of QoNs Kristina Kennealy seeking various pieces of arrivals data.

Obviously some of it is going to be doable and quite easily and some not and some will need to be heavily refined, however I believe we have provided some of this information to KK before. Clearly the quarantine questions are out of scope.

Potentially we may need to rope s. 22(1) in on this one noting the very short time frames.

I will provide a holding response back to s. 22(1) in the meantime.

Thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inspector

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**From:** OCP Executive Support s. 47E(d) @abf.gov.au>  
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**Cc:** OCP Executive Support s. 47E(d) @abf.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FOR ACTION: COVID-19 QoNs - Due 10am Friday 9 July 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi s. 22(1),

As discussed, we have received the attached QoNs from the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Could you please review and advise if your team is able to provide the requested data, happy to talk through them once you have reviewed.

Where we are unable to provide the full breakdown, we should provide what we have available and advice on why we cannot provide the rest.

Please note - we have received a tentative invitation to attend a public hearing later this month, I believe these QoNs will form part of questioning at the hearing.

QoNs are due for AC clearance by **10am Friday 9 July 2021**.

Kind Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Officer to Kylie Rendina  
Assistant Commissioner  
Operational Coordination and Planning  
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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 438**

**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:**

<b>Date Approved:</b>		
<b>SES Contact Officer:</b> [Name], [Position], [Phone]		
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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

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**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:**

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 440**

**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:**

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 441**

**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:**

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 442**

**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
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- 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
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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:**

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 450**

**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.

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**Answer:**

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 458**

**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:**

Date Approved:		
SES Contact Officer: [Name], [Position], [Phone]		
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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 459**

**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:**

<b>Date Approved:</b>		
<b>SES Contact Officer:</b> [Name], [Position], [Phone]		
<b>Consultation:</b>		
Additional Clearance from: (Highlight applicable) Statistics	Legal	Finance

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 July 2021 9:05 PM  
**To:** Sarah NICOLSON  
**Cc:** OCP Executive Support  
**Subject:** FOR CLEARANCE: Remaining QoNs [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Attachments:** IQ21-000146 001 Number of outward travelling persons - by category.docx;  
 IQ21-000138 001 Number of international passenger arrivals - by category v2.docx

**Categories:** s. 22(1) TO DO

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Please find attached remaining QoNs for the COVID committee.

I can get KR to clear in the morning if you don't have time to clear.

Kind Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Officer to Kylie Rendina  
 Assistant Commissioner  
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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 442**

**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:**

The following provides Australian Border Force (ABF) data, where available, on international passenger arrivals into Australia via air and sea from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021:

- 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.
- d. 160,058 New Zealand citizen passengers—Arrivals on a New Zealand passport.
- 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.
- j. 3,516 passengers arrived using a Business Innovation and Investment (subclass 188) visa.
- r./ s. 4,527 passengers arrived on Student visas.

While the question requests passenger arrivals, part h is specifically for a crew arrival count. The part h response is inclusive of all identified air and sea crew. Crew counts are not double counted within passenger counts.

While it is not possible to provide detailed data in response to parts g, r and s without a manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources. The ABF can provide the following information:

- Passenger arrivals on a Transit (subclass 771) visa, which is used to transit Australia within 72 hours, in place of persons transiting Australia for 72 hours or less. All passengers have the potential to depart within 72 hours. (Part g)
- Passenger arrivals on a (class TU) Student visa, in place of students completing year 11 and 12 or in their final two years of study of a medical, dental, nursing or allied health profession university degree. (Part r)

It is not possible to respond to the following without a manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources:

- Passengers recruited under the Government approved Seasonal Worker Program or Pacific Labour Scheme. (Part i)

- Passengers who arrived sponsored by their employer to work in Australia in an occupation on the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List. (Part o)
- Military personnel. (Part p)
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The ABF systems do not report on the following information:

- Identify all immediate family members of citizens, permanent or temporary residents (Parts c, d and f).
- Distinguish who usually resides in Australia (Part d).
- Quantify how long people remain in New Zealand. (Part e)
- Contain diplomatic credentials. (Part f).
- Differentiate which passengers arriving into Australia are:
  - 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. (Part k)
  - specifically in the national interest, supported by the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority. (Part l)
  - providing critical or specialist medical skills or services. (Part m and n)
  - residing on a vessel that seeks safe port at the closest appointed port for reprovisioning or safety reasons for a limited duration. (Part q)
  - for compassionate and compelling reasons. (Part t)

Date Approved:

SES Contact Officer: Dianna Smith, Assistant Secretary Strategic Coordination Branch, s. 47E(d)

Consultation: Data Division

Additional Clearance from: (Highlight applicable)  
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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 450**

**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:**

The following provides Australian Border Force (ABF) data, where available, on outwards travelling persons from Australia via air or sea from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021:

- 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.
- 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.

The following information is not reportable from ABF systems:

- a. ordinarily resident in a country other than 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
- 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

Date Approved:

SES Contact Officer: Dianna Smith, Assistant Secretary Strategic Coordination Branch, s. 47E(d)

Consultation: Data Division

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 August 2021 1:56 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** Keneally QoNs [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Attachments:** IQ21-000138 001 Number of international passenger arrivals - by category v4.docx; IQ21-000137 001 Number of international air passengers arriving on a monthly basis.docx; Keneally.xlsx

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I hope these help.

Happy to discuss.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 441**

**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:**

While the Australian Border Force do not monitor the international air passenger arrival cap changes, the following table does quantify by month the number of international air passengers that have arrived into which Australian states and territories from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021:

Month	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Totals
March 2020	105	59,543	1,401	27,729	3,731	0	35,442	13,899	141,850
April 2020	<5	8,017	228	3,347	697	<5	7,283	1,976	21,551
May 2020	208	9,741	201	2,136	0	0	5,916	1,170	19,372
June 2020	296	11,668	883	4,446	285	0	6,357	1,759	25,694
July 2020	12	11,283	778	2,957	376	0	13	2,886	18,305
August 2020	5	9,681	385	2,025	1,118	0	46	2,145	15,405
September 2020	<5	10,079	743	2,382	1,257	0	15	2,172	16,651
October 2020	9	13,714	1,262	4,102	1,806	111	17	3,632	24,653
November 2020	153	16,431	1,241	5,747	1,087	22	547	4,482	29,710
December 2020	<5	16,536	1,031	6,161	1,414	125	5,325	4,585	35,181
January 2021	<5	11,419	1,659	5,814	2,236	47	7,064	3,398	31,638

February 2021	167	10,585	1,730	5,610	2,050	13	3,230	2,355	25,740
March 2021	147	14,953	2,332	7,378	2,244	27	1,860	3,919	32,860
April 2021	8	22,494	1,486	12,605	2,376	138	10,613	5,028	54,748
May 2021	22	42,308	2,137	35,047	3,085	493	26,643	5,819	115,554
June 2021	32	40,595	1,860	38,684	3,520	689	10,786	7,207	103,373
<b>Total passenger arrivals from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021</b>									<b>712,285</b>

Note: These passenger totals exclude travellers identified as crew.

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 442**

**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:

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- f. a diplomat accredited to Australia, including their immediate family members
- g. a person transiting Australia for 72 hours or less
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- 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
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relevant Australian State or Territory government health authority and education department.

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- 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.
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- r./ s. 4,527 passengers arrived on Student visas.

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It is not possible to respond to the following without a manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources:

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  - residing on a vessel that seeks safe port at the closest appointed port for reprovisioning or safety reasons for a limited duration. (Part q)
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Date Approved:

SES Contact Officer: Dianna Smith, Assistant Secretary Strategic Coordination Branch, s. 47E(d)

Consultation: Data Division

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IQ21	QoN	Ken	Comments	Timeframe
000133	437	3	CRU are currently unable to answer this question as we are unaware of the arrival cap detail and changes. <i>Recommend we offer all passenger arrivals</i>	1 day, if recommendation accepted. 1 week, if not & under the condition we are provided with a complete set of cap changes.
134	438		CRU are currently unable to answer this question as this data is not captured within border systems. <i>Recommend we redirect to ABOC who may have the equities to answer this query</i>	Regardless of whether the recommendation is accepted or not, we cannot answer this query. Even if we use the regular passenger versus medevac assumptions, we cannot distinguish between Govt or Foreign diplo etc.
000135	439	1	Not a CRU question. <i>Recommend this be referred to the Dept. of Health</i>	
000136	440	2	Not a CRU question. <i>Recommend this be referred to the Dept. of Health</i>	
137	441	3	Repeat of QoN 437 (IQ21-000133). <i>Recommend we answer the question without arrival cap detail as we can answer rapidly without wasting everyones time with the component we do not maintain or monitor</i>	1 day, if recommendation accepted. 1 week, if not & under the condition we are provided with a complete set of cap changes.
138	442	4	We periodically get a new version of this query from Senator Keneally. In this instance, it has been significantly expanded. Some components we can answer, whereas as others we cannot. <i>Recommend we answer as best and resonably as we can in alignment with our previous responses, noting where we cannot answer we remain consistently clear with our constraints</i>	This is quite a bit of workeffort to build bespoke a report, so recommend 1 week
145	449	11	CRU can easily address this question	1 day

000146	450	12	<p>Outwards version of QoN 442 (IQ21-000146).</p> <p>To the best of my knowledge this is the first time we have received this query. CRU are unable to answer most of this query as we do not have access to this type of information in border systems. It is possible that Border Measures do capture some of this information.</p> <p><i>Recommend we answer the components we have access to in border systems only and refer the remainder to Border Measures to determine if they hold answers to the remaining questions</i></p>	<p>1 week minimum if recommendation accepted as bespoke reporting needs to be built for the minor amount we can address (b,c, f, g), plus coordination with Border Measures</p>
000152	456	18	<p>Not a CRU question.</p> <p><i>Recommend ABF not we are not collecting this data. CRU is unaware of any A/an Govt. agency collecting this data</i></p>	
000153	458	20	<p>It is my understanding that we no longer use IPCs. Either way CRU do not have access to this information</p>	
000154	459	21	<p>This is a significantly resource intensive question which will likely take someone offline for days to build and test complicated bespoke reporting.</p> <p><i>Recommend we push back on this one or simplify it if we choose to respond, alternatively we could address a, b and c with current traveller breakdowns as opposed to subclasses</i></p>	<p>2 weeks if we choose to tackle it as asked, noting we will need to take <span style="background-color: black; color: white;">s. 22(1)(a)</span> offline for days of that, however if simplified response recommendation is accepted, then 1 week with significantly less down time for <span style="background-color: black; color: white;">s. 22(1)(a)</span></p>
158	457	19	<p><i>CRU can easily address this question</i></p>	<p>1 day</p>

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 July 2021 3:46 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** QoN - Number of Australians returned - by reason on incoming passenger card [SEC=PROTECTED]  
**Attachments:** IQ21-000153 001 Number of Australians returned - by reason on incoming passenger card.docx  
**Importance:** High

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Hi s. 22(1),

Please treat this as urgent. Need the answer within the hour.

s. 47C(1)

Happy to discuss.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 458**

**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:**

Date Approved:		
SES Contact Officer: [Name], [Position], [Phone]		
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**Subject:** RE: Labour Mobility stats for QoN [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Attachments:** IQ21-000138 001 Number of international passenger arrivals - by category v3.docx  
**Importance:** High

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Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

I have attached the latest draft of the relevant QoN. The only components relevant to this discussion are highlighted in green.

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) / s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Do you have the total passenger arrivals into Australia [via air and sea] from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021, recruited under the Government approved Seasonal Worker Program or Pacific Labour Scheme?

If so and it can be provided today, we could include it in the QoN response.

Apologies for the late notice. We were initially given one day to respond to a high volume of QoN statistics, so we were not in a position reach out earlier. Given it appeared to be manually tracked last year, our suggestion was to not include this statistic.

Happy to discuss.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** RE: Labour Mobility stats for QoN [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

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As discussed, DFAT provide updates on the number of arrivals under the Pacific Labour Mobility re-start (i.e. PLS/SWP arrivals since September 2020) – see attached.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) liaises regular with DFAT/DESE and will no doubt have more detail re the statistics they can provide in relation to PLS/SWP arrivals since March 2020.

Also, it would be great if you could provide us with a copy of your final response for our records please.

DC – FYI this is for a QoN from the Shadow Home Affairs Minister.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Short Stay Work Visas Section  
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Hi WoG colleagues,

Happy reading.

Cheers,  
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Dear s. 22(1) and s. 22(1),

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and his team have been busily consulting over the past fortnight with interested stakeholders and consistent themes are emerging.

On the Restart side we have passed 8,500 workers and climbing!

Enjoy your weekend.

Cheers,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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A/g Director

Pacific Labour Mobility Policy and Program Section

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

s. 47E(d)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE**

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 442**

**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:**

The following provides Australian Border Force (ABF) data, where available, on international passenger arrivals into Australia via air and sea from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021:

- a. 373,128 Australian citizen passengers—Arrivals on an Australian passport.
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While the question requests passenger arrivals, part h is specifically for a crew arrival count. The part h response is inclusive of all identified air and sea crew. Crew counts are not double counted within passenger counts.

While it is not possible to provide detailed data in response to parts g, r and s without a manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources. The ABF can provide the following information:

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- Passenger arrivals on a (class TU) Student visa, in place of students completing year 11 and 12 or in their final two years of study of a medical, dental, nursing or allied health profession university degree. (Part r)

It is not possible to respond to the following without a manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources:

- Passengers recruited under the Government approved Seasonal Worker Program or Pacific Labour Scheme. (Part i)

- Passengers who arrived sponsored by their employer to work in Australia in an occupation on the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List. (Part o)
- Military personnel. (Part p)

The ABF systems do not report on the following information:

- Identify all immediate family members of citizens, permanent or temporary residents (Parts c, d and f).
- Distinguish who usually resides in Australia (Part d).
- Quantify how long people remain in New Zealand. (Part e)
- Contain diplomatic credentials. (Part f).
- Differentiate which passengers arriving into Australia are:
  - 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. (Part k)
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  - providing critical or specialist medical skills or services. (Part m and n)
  - residing on a vessel that seeks safe port at the closest appointed port for reprovisioning or safety reasons for a limited duration. (Part q)
  - for compassionate and compelling reasons. (Part t)

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Hi All,

I have received an update for part I (Seasonal Worker Program/ Pacific Labour Scheme), which is actually being tracked by DFAT now. I included this update in the latest version I have seen.

Happy to discuss.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi Di et al,

Confirming that this has also been cleared by data division (attached).

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Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii) .

A few changes to this one as attached. Please confirm data clearance and this one is cleared from my perspective also.

Regards,  
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Hi Di,

Seeking your clearance on the attached QoN 442.

I have made some minor tweaks. I have also sent this back to data div for clearance of the figures.

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For the record – we had a similar question asked of us which was responded too in October (see attached). In retrospect, there were some categories answered that we would probably not answer again, as these were provided but most likely incorrect at the time, these sit under questions d, e and l in the attached. We were unable to extract information about seasonal worker program (question K in the attached) and this was information provided by Home Affairs themselves, s. 47C(1)

I am satisfied that s. 22(1) has extracted and provided the most amount of data he is able to in the timeframe to answer as much as possible.

Let me know if you need any changes made.

As always, happy to discuss.

Thank you

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s. 22(1),

Attached is a rework of QoN 442. It is not data cleared.

Happy to discuss.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi Di,

Seeking your clearance on the attached QoN 442.

I have made some minor tweaks. I have also sent this back to data div for clearance of the figures.

For the record – we had a similar question asked of us which was responded too in October (see attached). In retrospect, there were some categories answered that we would probably not answer again, as these were provided but most likely incorrect at the time, these sit under questions d, e and I in the attached. We were unable to extract information about seasonal worker program (question K in the attached) and this was information provided by Home Affairs themselves, s. 47C(1)

I am satisfied that s. 22(1) has extracted and provided the most amount of data he is able to in the timeframe to answer as much as possible.

Let me know if you need any changes made.

As always, happy to discuss.

Thank you

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted],

Attached is a rework of QoN 442. It is not data cleared.

Happy to discuss.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 442**

**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:**

The following provides Australian Border Force (ABF) data, where available, on international passenger arrivals into Australia via air and sea from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021:

- 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.
- d. 160,058 New Zealand citizen passengers—Arrivals on a New Zealand passport.
- 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.
- j. 3,516 passengers arrived using a Business Innovation and Investment (subclass 188) visa.
- r./ s. 4,527 passengers arrived on Student visas.

While the question requests passenger arrivals, part h is specifically for a crew arrival count. The part h response is inclusive of all identified air and sea crew. Crew counts are not double counted within passenger counts.

While it is not possible to provide detailed data in response to parts g, r and s without a manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources. The ABF can provide the following information:

- Passenger arrivals on a Transit (subclass 771) visa, which is used to transit Australia within 72 hours, in place of persons transiting Australia for 72 hours or less. All passengers have the potential to depart within 72 hours. (Part g)
- Passenger arrivals on a (class TU) Student visa, in place of students completing year 11 and 12 or in their final two years of study of a medical, dental, nursing or allied health profession university degree. (Part r)

It is not possible to respond to the following without a manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources:

- Passengers recruited under the Government approved Seasonal Worker Program or Pacific Labour Scheme. (Part i)

- Passengers who arrived sponsored by their employer to work in Australia in an occupation on the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List. (Part o)
- Military personnel. (Part p)
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The ABF systems do not report on the following information:

- Identify all immediate family members of citizens, permanent or temporary residents (Parts c, d and f).
- Distinguish who usually resides in Australia (Part d).
- Quantify how long people remain in New Zealand. (Part e)
- Contain diplomatic credentials. (Part f).
- Differentiate which passengers arriving into Australia are:
  - 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. (Part k)
  - specifically in the national interest, supported by the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority. (Part l)
  - providing critical or specialist medical skills or services. (Part m and n)
  - residing on a vessel that seeks safe port at the closest appointed port for reprovisioning or safety reasons for a limited duration. (Part q)
  - for compassionate and compelling reasons. (Part t)

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 442**

**Subject: Number of international passenger arrivals – by category**

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

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- 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.
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- 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
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- 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)
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- 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:**

The following response provides international passenger arrivals into Australia via air and sea from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021, so long as the data was available within Australian Border Force (ABF) systems in the context of the categories asked, or there was a similar alternative available:

- 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.
- d. 160,058 New Zealand citizen passengers—Arrivals on a New Zealand passport.
- f. 2,327 passengers arrived on a Diplomatic (subclass 995) visa.
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While the question requests passenger arrivals, part h is specifically for a crew arrival count. The part h response is inclusive of all identified air and sea crew. Crew counts are not double counted within passenger counts.

While it is not possible to provide detailed data in response to parts g, r and s without a manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources. The ABF provides the following available data to assist the Committee:

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- Passenger arrivals on a (class TU) Student visa, in place of students completing year 11 and 12 or in their final two years of study of a medical, dental, nursing or allied health profession university degree. (Part r)

It is not possible to respond to the following without a manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources:

- Passengers recruited under the Government approved Seasonal Worker Program or Pacific Labour Scheme. (Part i)
- Passengers who arrived sponsored by their employer to work in Australia in an occupation on the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List. (Part o)
- Military personnel. (Part p)

We are unable to answer the following as ABF systems data do not:

- Identify all immediate family members of citizens, permanent or temporary residents (Parts c, d and f).
- Distinguish who usually resides in Australia (Part d).
- Quantify how long people remain in New Zealand. (Part e)
- Contain diplomatic credentials. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade are the responsible accrediting agency for Australia (Part f).
- Differentiate which passengers arriving into Australia are:
  - 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. (Part k)
  - specifically in the national interest, supported by the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority. (Part l)
  - providing critical or specialist medical skills or services. (Part m and n)
  - residing on a vessel that seeks safe port at the closest appointed port for reprovisioning or safety reasons for a limited duration. (Part q)
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No response has been provided for part u.

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Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii).

I've made some changes. Attached is cleared.

Regards,  
 Di

Dianna Smith  
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Hi Di,

Seeking your clearance on the attached QoN – Only 3 items out of this subset of questions are able to be answered by CRU. I suspect that questions H through M are targeted to border exemptions, however this is not explicit and we cannot assume that this is what is meant and unfortunately we cannot extract the data in the way that it has been asked.

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Happy to discuss further if needed.

Data clearance is attached below.

Thank you

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Good afternoon Data Clearance,

Seeking your clearance on the attached.

Thank you

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Happy to discuss.

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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 450**

**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:**

The following provides Australian Border Force (ABF) data, where available, on outwards travelling persons from Australia via air or sea from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021:

- 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.
- 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.

The following information is not reportable from ABF systems:

- a. ordinarily resident in a country other than Australia
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- e. travelling in association with essential work at an offshore facility in Australian waters
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- 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
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**SES Contact Officer:** Dianna Smith, Assistant Secretary Strategic Coordination Branch, s. 47E(d)

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AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE**

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 450**

**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:**

The following response was extracted from Australian Border Force (ABF) systems quantifying outwards travelling persons from Australia via air or sea from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021, as close as what was possible within in the context asked:

- b. 750,815 outward travelling persons from Australia were identified as airline or maritime crew.  
It was not possible to identify associated safety workers using ABF systems.
- c. 158,241 outward travelling persons from Australia were identified as New Zealand citizens holding a Special Category (subclass 444) visa.
- f. 10,307 outward travelling persons from Australia were identified as Australian Government officials travelling on a diplomatic or official passport.  
It was not possible to identify all persons travelling on official government business using ABF systems, including members of the Australian Defense Force.

All unanswered components of this question are:

- Not captured within ABF systems; or
- Unable to be quantified from ABF systems; or
- Would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to answer.

Date Approved:		
SES Contact Officer: [Name], [Position], [Phone]		
Consultation:		
Additional Clearance from: (Highlight applicable) Statistics	Legal	Finance

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
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**Subject:** RE: T188 - RE: FOR ACTION: COVID-19 QoNs - Due 10am Friday 9 July 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Attachments:** IQ21-000153 001 Number of Australians returned - by reason on incoming passenger card.docx

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Di forgot to fill out the table with her details – so please find the updated copy.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Assistant to Assistant Secretary Dianna Smith  
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s. 47E(d)

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Thanks team.

Attached with my changes. Please urgently seek data clearance as these will be publically released.

Could you also please confirm the line I've written on QoN # 458 that the ABF uses the IPC to manage the individual traveller through border processing (as I've assumed this but obviously am not the business own for this).

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Also not sure if I completed the clearance table on all of the QoNs, so please check that too.

I understand the Deputy has clearance time for these at 12pm, so we do not have much time.

Thanks,  
Di

Dianna Smith  
Assistant Secretary  
Strategic Coordination Branch  
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Subject: T188 - RE: FOR ACTION: COVID-19 QoNs - Due 10am Friday 9 July 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi Di,

Please find attached 10 of the 12 QoNs currently allocated to the CRU.

The outstanding QoNs. (442 and 450) are taking a significant amount of effort to process and s. 22(1) is running the scripts over the weekend to progress. You should expect to receive these two by 10am Monday – my apologies, each one has 21 sub-points to address.

Best'

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 July 2021 9:29 AM  
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**Subject:** FOR ACTION: COVID-19 QoNs - Due 10am Friday 9 July 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi s. 22(1) ,

As discussed, we have received the attached QoNs from the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19.

Could you please review and advise if your team is able to provide the requested data, happy to talk through them once you have reviewed.

Where we are unable to provide the full breakdown, we should provide what we have available and advice on why we cannot provide the rest.

Please note - we have received a tentative invitation to attend a public hearing later this month, I believe these QoNs will form part of questioning at the hearing.

QoNs are due for AC clearance by **10am Friday 9 July 2021**.

Kind Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Officer to Kylie Rendina  
Assistant Commissioner  
Operational Coordination and Planning  
Australian Border Force

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# HOME AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE

## PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 458**

**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
<b>Total passenger arrivals from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021</b>									<b>487,968</b>

Note: This table does not distinguish between passengers or crew.

Date Approved:		
SES Contact Officer: Dianna Smith, Assistant Secretary Strategic Coordination Branch, s. 47E(d)		
Consultation: N/A		
Additional Clearance from: (Highlight applicable) Statistics	Legal	Finance

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 July 2021 2:16 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent QoNs tasking [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** IQ21-000134 001 Passenger flight arrivals.docx

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Updated QoN

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Inspector

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** Urgent QoNs tasking [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Gents,

Please remember – when I said I need to get these back today, that means I need to clear them today and get them to Di so she can clear them before COB.

Realistically – I expect these to be your only priority until they are completed, submitted and cleared.

I suggest aiming to have the drafts to me by 3pm. That allows me to review and clear to Di by 4pm, which allows her to get them to AC by COB.

Happy to discuss, but these deadlines are immovable as our response to a QoN within the 5 day time frame is mandated by Cabinet.

s. 22(1)  
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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 438**

**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) focusses on the movements of passengers across the Australian border. Whilst significant effort has been made to provide statistical data and analysis of the movement of persons across the border, details of aircraft are not yet able to be extracted, filtered and compiled into statistical reporting in an automated manner.

To accurately identify these categories of flights, a manual line-by-line process would be required and would likely constitute an unreasonable diversion of resources for the ABF.

**Date Approved:**

**SES Contact Officer: [Name], [Position], [Phone]**

Consultation:		
Additional Clearance from: (Highlight applicable) Statistics	Legal	Finance

[8/07/2021 10:18 AM] s. 22(1)(a)(ii):

Hey I've noticed that the Covid QoN transferred from Health is a duplicate of number 3 in our list, so IQ21-000133 and IQ21-000137 are duplicates. I will close SQ21-000133 if that doesn't cause any issues for you. Sorry I missed that

[8/07/2021 10:22 AM] s. 22(1)(a)(ii):

Yeah that's fine :)

[8/07/2021 10:23 AM] s. 22(1)(a)(ii):

(y) It will put out the QoN numbering, but I'll fix that up

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**From:** Parliamentary Committees  
**Sent:** Friday, 16 July 2021 9:39 AM  
**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** Parliamentary Committees; s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** URGENT: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**Categories:**

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**OFFICIAL**

Good morning, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I need these COVID-19 QoN responses **asap this morning** to send to the MO. The adviser is waiting for them and they are due to the Committee by **COB today**. I believe they are sitting with s. 22(1)(a)(ii).

IQ21-000151  
 IQ21-000152

It is very important to get COVID-19 Committee QoN tabled by the deadline. Please call to discuss if there are any issues.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** Parliamentary Committees  
**Sent:** Thursday, 15 July 2021 3:02 PM  
**To:** Parliamentary Committees ; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Just checking if the COVID-19 QoN responses be coming through soon. The MO will want these tabled with the Committee tomorrow afternoon, and the advisers needs time to note them.

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Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d)

**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 July 2021 9:02 AM

**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au>; Parliamentary Committees

s. 47E(d)

**Subject:** RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii) that makes sense.

I will have to send up the rest of the QoN up to the MO as they are waiting for them, but I will explain the delay with the Border Measures Group.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(i)

They have gone up for clearance. There was a slight delay due to the creation of the new Border Measures Group. It should have gone through the new group but failing that it will go now through my current FAS.

Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(i)

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Sent: Tuesday, 13 July 2021 2:42 PM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au)

Cc: Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d)

Subject: FW: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(i)

There are two COVID-19 Select Committee QoN responses assigned to you (IQ21-000151 and IQ21-000152), they are due to the MO today.

Grateful for an update on those two. They are due to the Committee on Friday.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(i)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Tuesday, 13 July 2021 9:57 AM

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To: Parliamentary Committees S. 47E(d) ABF Government Relations

s. 47E(d)

**Subject:** RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi ABF

Just a reminder that the COVID-19 QoN responses are due to the MO today. Grateful if you could send them through by **4pm** at the latest so we can process them up.

Many thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Sent:** Friday, 9 July 2021 10:32 AM

**To:** ABF Government Relations S. 47E(d) Parliamentary Committees

s. 47E(d)

**Subject:** RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(i)

The MO has agreed to receive the QoN on **Tuesday 13 July**, please do your best to facilitate meeting this deadline.

I will change the due date in the PDMS record.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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 Cc: ABF Government Relations s. 47E(d)  
 Subject: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning,

As discussed with s. 22(1), we would like to request an extension to the timeframe for the written questions on notice from the COVID-19 Select Committee until Tuesday, 13 July 2021.

Could you please advise at the earliest.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
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PDR No	Committee Name	Subject	MO Action Planned Date	Responsible Area
IQ21-000139	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of exemption applications for inward travelling persons	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000140	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of exemption applications for inward travelling persons - by category	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000141	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of exemption applications for compassionate and compelling reasons	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000142	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of individual exemptions granted for inwards travelling persons	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000143	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of individual exemptions granted for inwards travelling persons - by category	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000144	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of exemptions for inward travelling persons for compassionate and compelling reasons - resident relationships	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000147	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of individual exemption applications	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000148	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of exemption applications by outward travelling persons - by category	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000149	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of exemptions granted for outward travelling persons	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000150	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of exemptions granted for outward travelling persons - by category	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000155	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of outward travelling Australians granted exemption more than once under the category "Travel is for their business/employer"	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures

IQ21-000156	Select Committee COVID-19	Most times an individual entering Australia has had to undertake mandatory government quarantine	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000157	Select Committee COVID-19	Percentage of Home Affairs/ABF workers in Australian airports fully vaccinated	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000158	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of Australians returned - by month and state/territory	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000133	Select Committee COVID-19	International passenger arrivals	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000134	Select Committee COVID-19	Passenger flight arrivals	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000135	Select Committee COVID-19	Commonwealth responsibility for monitoring quarantine implementation	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000136	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of places available in mandatory government controlled designated quarantine facilities	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000137	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of international air passengers arriving on a monthly basis	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000138	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of international passenger arrivals - by category	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000153	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of Australians returned - by reason on incoming passenger card	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000154	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of returned travellers that have made multiple trips	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000145	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of outward travelling persons	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning

IQ21-000146	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of outward travelling persons - by category	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**From:** Parliamentary Committees  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 July 2021 9:51 AM  
**To:** DLO  
**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Parliamentary Committees  
**Subject:** Request for revised QoN timeframe: reduced deadline for noting QoN responses - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Senator Keneally to HA-BF 02072021.docx; COVID-19 Committee: Senator Keneally QoN transfer  
**Categories:** Awaiting Response

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

The COVID-19 Committee written QoN responses were due to come up today for MO noting.

ABF has asked if we can send them up on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** instead, as the questions require very detailed answers that are taking a while to compile (questions **attached** again for your reference). They are due to the Committee on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>.

Grateful if you can check if this revised timeline is okay.

We have also received the formal invitation to a public hearing on Friday 30 July, 12.15-1.45pm, and the Secretary and Commissioner are intending to appear as representatives.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 July 2021 11:01 AM  
**To:** Parliamentary Committees  
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**Subject:** RE: Heads up: reduced deadline for noting QoN responses - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hello s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

No problems re this timeframe.

With thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | **Departmental Liaison Officer**

Office of The Hon Karen Andrews MP | Minister for Home Affairs

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**OFFICIAL****From:** Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d)**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 July 2021 10:15 AM**To:** DLO s. 47E(d)**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>; Parliamentary Committees

s. 47E(d)

**Subject:** Heads up: reduced deadline for noting QoN responses - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]**OFFICIAL**

Good morning, DLOs

The Department/ABF received a set of written QoN from the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19, including transfers from DFAT and Health (see attached).

The Committee's due date is **Friday, 16 July**. I have set **Friday, 9 July** as the date they are due to the MO, noting that the questions are very data-heavy. Please let me know if this timeframe is not suitable.

There is a tentative hearing scheduled for **Friday 30 July**, with Home Affairs/ABF, DFAT and PM&C appearing. We will confirm when the formal invitation comes through.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**To:** Parliamentary Committees S. 47E(d); Parliamentary Coordination  
S. 47E(d); Committee, COVID (SEN) <[covid.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:covid.sen@aph.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs)

Good afternoon,

Please find attached written questions on notice for the inquiry of the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 into the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note that the date set by the committee for the return of answers to QoNs is **4:00pm AEDT Friday, 16 July 2021**.

#### ***QoN transfers***

If a department or agency is unable to answer a question on notice, please transfer that question to the appropriate department or agency and also provide to the committee:

1. the reasons as to why the department is unable to respond;
2. the agreement of the relevant agency to whom the question is transferred; and
3. details regarding the agency to which the question has been transferred (including the date of transfer).

Kind regards,

S. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Administrative Officer

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 | Department of the Senate

S. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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# Written questions on notice for HOME AFFAIRS/AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE

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**Asked by:** Senator Keneally

**Asked:** 02 July 2021

**Due:** 4.00 pm AEST, Friday, 16 July 2021

**Questions:**

Please see below questions for the Department / ABF. If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

1. Since 20 March 2020, which Commonwealth agency or agencies has been overall responsibility for monitoring the implementation of quarantine in Australia?
2. 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*
3. 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.
4. 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



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- 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

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

- 5. Since 20 March 2020, **how many individual exemptions** for **inward** traveling persons to Australia **have been applied for**, broken down on a monthly basis?
- 6. 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)



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- 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.
9. 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
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- 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.

10. 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.

11. Since 20 March 2020, how many **outward** traveling persons from Australia have there been, broken down by month.
12. 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)



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- 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.

13. Since 20 March 2020, how many **individual exemptions** for **outward** traveling persons from Australia have been applied for, broken down by month?
14. 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.

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



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- 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.

17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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)



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- 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)
22. 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.
23. Since 20 March 2020, what is the **most times an individual has entered Australia and** been required to undertake mandatory government **quarantine**?
24. What percentage of Home Affairs / ABF workers working in Australian airports are fully vaccinated? Please provide data broken down by state/territory or port.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**From:** Committee, COVID (SEN) <covid.sen@aph.gov.au>  
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**To:** Parliamentary Committees; Committee, COVID (SEN)  
**Subject:** COVID-19 Committee: Senator Keneally QoN transfer  
**Attachments:** Senator Keneally to HA 06072021.docx

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Good morning,

Please find attached the transferred Written Questions on Notices from Senator Keneally, as per the agreement with DFAT.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Administrative Officer

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 | Department of the Senate

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# Written questions on notice for the Department of Home Affairs

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**Asked by:** Senator Keneally

**Asked:** 02 July 2021

**Due:** 4.00 pm AEST, Friday, 23 July 2021

**Questions:**

1. 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.

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**Sent:** Monday, 5 July 2021 1:57 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@health.gov.au; s. 47E(d)@health.gov.au;  
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**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Parliamentary Committees; ABF Government Relations  
**Subject:** RE: Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Good afternoon, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

The Department of Home Affairs (ABF) will accept transfer of the *first* question below. Happy for you to advise the Committee Secretariat accordingly.

In regards to question 2, the ABF has not been asked to collect vaccination information at the border and therefore we are unable to answer the question or accept the transfer. States and Territories may collect this data on passengers that enter into quarantine.

Kind regards  
 s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Acting Director, Parliamentary Section  
 Ministerial and Parliamentary Branch | Executive Division  
 Department of Home Affairs  
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**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@health.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 July 2021 2:46 PM  
**To:** Parliamentary Coordination S. 47E(d)  
**Cc:** Parliamentary Committees S. 47E(d)@health.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@health.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon,

The Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 has provide written questions on notice from Senator Keneally for response.

We have identified the following two questions which fall outside of our scope and believe these are best suited for Home Affairs:

*Please see below questions for the Department. If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.*

1. *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.*

2. Since 20 March 2020, what percentage of inbound passengers arriving into Australia have been fully vaccinated (for COVID-19), broken down by month?
- Please also provide this data broken down by vaccine type (i.e. Pfizer, AstraZeneca, etc..)
  - If the Department is not collecting this data, is the Department aware which Australian Government agency is collecting this data? If yes, please provide the name of that agency or agencies.

Could you please confirm if these can be transferred to Home Affairs?

Please note that the questions are due 16 July.

Warm Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: For MO noting - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – these are fine to go.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** FW: For MO noting - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hello s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

These were some of the priority committee QoNs that I mentioned. Three are still outstanding from the Department.

With thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Departmental Liaison Officer  
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**Cc:** DLO s. 47E(d)

**Subject:** FW: For MO noting - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs)  
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Hello s. 22(1)(a) – in s. 22(1)(a)(ii) absence, these will need reviewing by 3pm Friday. If you are happy with them, you can just respond with 'noted' via return email. There are three more to be sent tomorrow.

With thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | **Departmental Liaison Officer**

Office of The Hon Karen Andrews MP | Minister for Home Affairs

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**From:** Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d)

**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 July 2021 10:30 AM

**To:** s. 47E(d)

**Cc:** Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d)

**Subject:** For MO noting - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs)  
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**OFFICIAL**

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find attached for MO noting 22 of the 25 written QoN responses for the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19.

The three outstanding should be ready to send up tomorrow morning:

- IQ21-000151 and IQ21-000152 – These need to be cleared under the new COVID-19 Border Measures Group today.
- IQ21-000157 – The stats required for this response will be available at 4:30pm today when the reporting on vaccination numbers is produced.

Grateful if you could facilitate noting by **3.00pm Friday, 16 July** to meet the Committee's deadline. I am assigning the PDMS records to you now.

Kind regards

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**Sent:** Friday, 9 July 2021 10:24 AM

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**Subject:** RE: Request for revised QoN timeframe: reduced deadline for noting QoN responses - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hello all – please let the line area know that midday Tuesday is fine for the deadline.

With thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | **Departmental Liaison Officer**

Office of The Hon Karen Andrews MP | Minister for Home Affairs

T: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 47E(d)

**Subject:** Request for revised QoN timeframe: reduced deadline for noting QoN responses - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

The COVID-19 Committee written QoN responses were due to come up today for MO noting.

ABF has asked if we can send them up on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** instead, as the questions require very detailed answers that are taking a while to compile (questions **attached** again for your reference). They are due to the Committee on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>.

Grateful if you can check if this revised timeline is okay.

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We have also received the formal invitation to a public hearing on Friday 30 July, 12.15-1.45pm, and the Secretary and Commissioner are intending to appear as representatives.

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: Heads up: reduced deadline for noting QoN responses - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hello s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

No problems re this timeframe.

With thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | **Departmental Liaison Officer**

Office of The Hon Karen Andrews MP | Minister for Home Affairs

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 47E(d)

Subject: Heads up: reduced deadline for noting QoN responses - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning, DLOs

The Department/ABF received a set of written QoN from the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19, including transfers from DFAT and Health (see attached).

The Committee's due date is **Friday, 16 July**. I have set **Friday, 9 July** as the date they are due to the MO, noting that the questions are very data-heavy. Please let me know if this timeframe is not suitable.

There is a tentative hearing scheduled for **Friday 30 July**, with Home Affairs/ABF, DFAT and PM&C appearing. We will confirm when the formal invitation comes through.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(i)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Acting Director, Parliamentary Section  
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**Sent:** Friday, 2 July 2021 1:56 PM

**To:** Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d) Parliamentary Coordination

s. 47E(d); Committee, COVID (SEN) <[covid.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:covid.sen@aph.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs)

Good afternoon,

Please find attached written questions on notice for the inquiry of the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 into the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note that the date set by the committee for the return of answers to QoNs is **4:00pm AEDT Friday, 16 July 2021**.

### **QoN transfers**

If a department or agency is unable to answer a question on notice, please transfer that question to the appropriate department or agency and also provide to the committee:

1. the reasons as to why the department is unable to respond;
2. the agreement of the relevant agency to whom the question is transferred; and
3. details regarding the agency to which the question has been transferred (including the date of transfer).

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Administrative Officer

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 | Department of the Senate

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii) I have assigned to ABF and will liaise with them to progress.

Many thanks for coordinating these today.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

As discussed, ABF should be the lead (and clearance point) for the following COVID-19 QoN responses:

- IQ21-000151
- IQ21-000152

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) is happy to provide ATD data to ABF, as SDTD is not leading the QoN's. I am unable to claim the QoNs back in PDMS from s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – are you able to do so and reassign.

Kind regards,

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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 First Assistant Secretary,  
 Service Delivery and Transformation Division  
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**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Acknowledging receipt.

I am following up on this as a matter of urgency.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Officer to Leanne Smith  
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 Subject: URGENT: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I need these COVID-19 QoN responses **asap this morning** to send to the MO. The adviser is waiting for them and they are due to the Committee by COB today. I believe they are sitting with s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

IQ21-000151

IQ21-000152

It is very important to get COVID-19 Committee QoN tabled by the deadline. Please call to discuss if there are any issues.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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 Sent: Thursday, 15 July 2021 3:02 PM  
 To: Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d); s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>  
 Subject: RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Just checking if the COVID-19 QoN responses be coming through soon. The MO will want these tabled with the Committee tomorrow afternoon, and the advisers needs time to note them.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii), that makes sense.

I will have to send up the rest of the QoN up to the MO as they are waiting for them, but I will explain the delay with the Border Measures Group.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Acting Director, Parliamentary Section  
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Hi [REDACTED]

They have gone up for clearance. There was a slight delay due to the creation of the new Border Measures Group. It should have gone through the new group but failing that it will go now through my current FAS.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Director Capability and Continuity Section

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 July 2021 2:42 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au>

**Cc:** Parliamentary Committees [REDACTED] s. 47E(d)

**Subject:** FW: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi [REDACTED]

There are two COVID-19 Select Committee QoN responses assigned to you (IQ21-000151 and IQ21-000152), they are due to the MO today.

Grateful for an update on those two. They are due to the Committee on Friday.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 July 2021 9:57 AM

**To:** Parliamentary Committees [REDACTED] s. 47E(d); ABF Government Relations

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s. 47E(d) [redacted] [@abf.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@abf.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi ABF

Just a reminder that the COVID-19 QoN responses are due to the MO today. Grateful if you could send them through by **4pm** at the latest so we can process them up.

Many thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

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**To:** ABF Government Relations s. 47E(d) [redacted] [@abf.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@abf.gov.au)>; Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d) [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(i) [redacted]

The MO has agreed to receive the QoN on **Tuesday 13 July**, please do your best to facilitate meeting this deadline.

I will change the due date in the PDMS record.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

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 Subject: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Good morning,

As discussed with <sup>s. 22(1)(a)</sup> we would like to request an extension to the timeframe for the written questions on notice from the COVID-19 Select Committee until Tuesday, 13 July 2021.

Could you please advise at the earliest.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
 Senior Border Force Officer  
 ABF Governance and Ministerial  
 Operational Coordination and Planning Command  
 Operational Strategy and Coordination Group  
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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 s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** ABF Government Relations  
**Subject:** RE: Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks so much for sending that through. We had the same line at the top of our set so great to confirm I can use it for the transferred QoN.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ; ABF Government Relations  
**Subject:** RE: Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see the original document of questions from Senator Keneally as there are instructions at the start you might wish to include to the line area.

Warm Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (she/her)

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**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>; ABF Government Relations s. 47E(d) @abf.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Yes, Home Affairs/ABF received a list of 24 written QoN from Senator Keneally. Topics include: stats on returned citizens, incoming/outgoing travellers, travel exemptions, vaccinated travellers and vaccinated HA/ABF staff at airports.

DFAT also received written QoN.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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 Department of Home Affairs  
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**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>; ABF Government Relations s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @abf.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for your response. We will advise the Committee.

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Could we please also ask if Home Affairs has received similar questions from Senator Gallagher and Senator Keneally for the COVID Committee?

Warm Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (she/her)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Good afternoon, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

The Department of Home Affairs (ABF) will accept transfer of the *first* question below. Happy for you to advise the Committee Secretariat accordingly.

In regards to question 2, the ABF has not been asked to collect vaccination information at the border and therefore we are unable to answer the question or accept the transfer. States and Territories may collect this data on passengers that enter into quarantine.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Acting Director, Parliamentary Section

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**Subject:** Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon,

The Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 has provide written questions on notice from Senator Keneally for response.

We have identified the following two questions which fall outside of our scope and believe these are best suited for Home Affairs:

*Please see below questions for the Department. If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.*

1. *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.*
2. *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.er. Pfizer, AstraZeneca, etc..)*
  - b. *If the Department is not collecting this data, is the Department aware which Australian Government agency is collecting this data? If yes, please provide the name of that agency or agencies.*

Could you please confirm if these can be transferred to Home Affairs?

Please note that the questions are due 16 July.

Warm Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (she/her)

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**Subject:** RE: Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hey team

We will take Question 1.

In regards to question 2, the ABF have not been asked to collect vaccination information as part of ATD or other methods at the border and therefore we are unable to answer the question.

States and Territories may collect this data on passengers that enter into quarantine.

We would recommend the Department does not accept the transfer of this QoN.

Thanks

s. 22(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g Inspector, ABF Governance and Ministerial  
 Operational Coordination and Planning  
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**To:** ABF Government Relations  
**Cc:** Parliamentary Committees ; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi ABF team

The Department of Health has requested that the Department/ABF accept transfer of the following written questions for the COVID-19 Committee:

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

Grateful if you could confirm by **10.00 am today, Monday 5 July 2021** if ABF can accept these QoN.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(i)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director, Parliamentary Section  
Ministerial and Parliamentary Branch | Executive Division  
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**Subject:** Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon,

The Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 has provide written questions on notice from Senator Keneally for response.

We have identified the following two questions which fall outside of our scope and believe these are best suited for Home Affairs:

*Please see below questions for the Department. If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.*

1. 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.
2. 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 is not collecting this data, is the Department aware which Australian Government agency is collecting this data? If yes, please provide the name of that agency or agencies.

Could you please confirm if these can be transferred to Home Affairs?

Please note that the questions are due 16 July.

Warm Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (she/her)

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Thank you ☺.

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Hi S. 47E(d),

Thank you for extending the timeframes for the QoNs, we will ensure to meet the deadline.

Could you please extend it for IQ21-000158 as well.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

S. 47E(d)  
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 Subject: RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

## OFFICIAL

Hi S. 47E(d),

The MO has agreed to receive the QoN on Tuesday 13 July, please do your best to facilitate meeting this deadline.

I will change the due date in the PDMS record.

Kind regards

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 Subject: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Good morning,

As discussed with [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) we would like to request an extension to the timeframe for the written questions on notice from the COVID-19 Select Committee until Tuesday, 13 July 2021.

Could you please advise at the earliest.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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**Attachments:** Senator Keneally to HA-BF 02072021.docx  
**Importance:** High

**OFFICIAL**

Hi ABF

Can you please confirm if ABF will accept all of these QoN, as well as the transfer from Health?

Kind regards

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Hi ABF team

Please see attached a set of written questions on notice from the COVID-19 Select Committee, due Friday, 16 July 2021.

Grateful if you could advise the Parliamentary team by **10.00 am Monday, 5 July 2021** whether you believe any of the questions should be directed to other Departments.

We will then register and assign the remaining QoN in PDMS.

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Kind regards

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**Subject:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs)

Good afternoon,

Please find attached written questions on notice for the inquiry of the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 into the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note that the date set by the committee for the return of answers to QoNs is **4:00pm AEDT Friday, 16 July 2021**.

#### **QoN transfers**

If a department or agency is unable to answer a question on notice, please transfer that question to the appropriate department or agency and also provide to the committee:

1. the reasons as to why the department is unable to respond;
2. the agreement of the relevant agency to whom the question is transferred; and
3. details regarding the agency to which the question has been transferred (including the date of transfer).

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Administrative Officer

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 | Department of the Senate

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# Written questions on notice for HOME AFFAIRS/AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE

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**Asked by:** Senator Keneally

**Asked:** 02 July 2021

**Due:** 4.00 pm AEST, Friday, 16 July 2021

**Questions:**

Please see below questions for the Department / ABF. If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

1. Since 20 March 2020, which Commonwealth agency or agencies has been overall responsibility for monitoring the implementation of quarantine in Australia?
2. 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*
3. 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.
4. 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



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- 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

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

- 5. Since 20 March 2020, **how many individual exemptions for inward** traveling persons to Australia **have been applied for**, broken down on a monthly basis?
- 6. 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)



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- 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.
9. 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)



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- 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.

10. 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.

11. Since 20 March 2020, how many **outward** traveling persons from Australia have there been, broken down by month.
12. 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)



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- 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.

13. Since 20 March 2020, how many **individual exemptions** for **outward** traveling persons from Australia have been applied for, broken down by month?
14. 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.

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



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- 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.

17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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)



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- 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)
22. 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.
23. Since 20 March 2020, what is the **most times an individual has entered Australia and** been required to undertake mandatory government **quarantine**?
24. What percentage of Home Affairs / ABF workers working in Australian airports are fully vaccinated? Please provide data broken down by state/territory or port.

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**Subject:** RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a) thanks heaps for these. PDMS has been problematic this morning so I'm still working on getting them up.

The two with ISSG are late because of the change over to the new Border Measures Group, so I will be sending those up tomorrow and I can include your last one in that lot. I'll explain the delay in the email to the DLOs.

Many thanks

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Hey s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

You should now have 20 ABF QoNs which were assigned last night.

2 of the remaining QoNs have been DC cleared, and should be coming to you very soon.

Unfortunately I was advised late yesterday afternoon that IQ21-000157 is unable to be provided until 4:30pm today when the reporting on vaccination numbers is produced. Grateful on your advice on whether you will contact the MO or if you would prefer I do.

The question relates to the percentage of staff in airports that are vaccinated. The response will include only statistics cleared through data division. Please note the MO received these stats on a weekly basis at 5:00pm each Wednesday afternoon and should be able to note the QoN relatively quickly.

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Happy to discuss.

Thanks

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Hi ABF

Just a reminder that the COVID-19 QoN responses are due to the MO today. Grateful if you could send them through by 4pm at the latest so we can process them up.

Many thanks

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Hi [redacted]

The MO has agreed to receive the QoN on **Tuesday 13 July**, please do your best to facilitate meeting this deadline.

I will change the due date in the PDMS record.

Kind regards

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**From:** ABF Government Relations s. 47E(d) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 July 2021 9:17 AM  
**To:** Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d) <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>  
**Cc:** ABF Government Relations s. 47E(d) <[redacted]@abf.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning,

As discussed with [redacted] we would like to request an extension to the timeframe for the written questions on notice from the COVID-19 Select Committee until Tuesday, 13 July 2021.

Could you please advise at the earliest.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Senior Border Force Officer  
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**From:** Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d) @health.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 July 2021 12:14 PM  
**To:** Committee, COVID (SEN); Parliamentary Committees  
**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Parliamentary Committees  
**Subject:** RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Health)  
 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

The Department has requested the transfer of the following question from Senator Keneally to Home Affairs:

1. *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.*

The Department has identified that this question should be directed to Home Affairs, as the Department of Health does not manage or monitor national or international borders.

Home Affairs agreed to this transfer on 5 July 2021.

Warm Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (she/her)

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*The Department of Health acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to elders both past and present.*

**From:** Committee, COVID (SEN)  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 July 2021 1:45 PM  
**To:** Parliamentary Committees ; Committee, COVID (SEN)  
**Subject:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Health)

Good afternoon,

Please find attached written questions on notice for the inquiry of the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 into the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note that the date set by the committee for the return of answers to QoNs is 4:00pm AEDT Friday, 16 July 2021.

#### QoN transfers

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1. the reasons as to why the department is unable to respond;
2. the agreement of the relevant agency to whom the question is transferred; and
3. details regarding the agency to which the question has been transferred (including the date of transfer).

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Administrative Officer

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 | Department of the Senate

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** Parliamentary Committees  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 July 2021 10:24 AM  
**To:** CHCH.Parliamentary Engagement Unit (PRU) (DFAT)  
**Cc:** Parliamentary Committees; ABF Government Relations; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (DFAT) [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Senator Keneally to DFAT 02072021.docx

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Home Affairs (ABF) will accept transfer of the first QoN in the attached list. Happy for you to advise the Committee Secretariat accordingly.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Acting Director, Parliamentary Section  
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**From:** CHCH.Parliamentary Engagement Unit (PRU)  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 July 2021 3:10 PM  
**To:** Parliamentary Committees  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (DFAT) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon

DFAT has received the attached written questions on notice from Senator Keneally. We ask that Home Affairs please take the **first** question on the list, as your department is best placed to answer. Would you please confirm your agreement to the transfer of this one question?

Many thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Assistant Director | Parliamentary Engagement and Support Section  
 Cabinet Strategy, Ministerial and Parliamentary Branch | Executive Division  
 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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**From:** Committee, COVID (SEN) <[covid.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:covid.sen@aph.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Friday, 2 July 2021 1:48 PM

**To:** CHCH.Parliamentary Engagement Unit (PRU) <sup>s. 47E(d)</sup> [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:@dfat.gov.au); Committee, COVID (SEN) <[covid.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:covid.sen@aph.gov.au)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (DFAT)

Good afternoon,

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Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Administrative Officer

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**THE SENATE**  
**SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19**

# Written questions on notice for the Department of FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

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**Asked by:** Senator Keneally

**Asked:** 02 July 2021

**Due:** 4.00 pm AEST, Friday, 16 July 2021

**Questions:**

1. 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.

2. Since 20 March 2020, **how many Australians have registered their interest in returning to Australia**, broken down by the country they indicated they are currently in, on a monthly basis?
3. What is, with respect to the standard statistical measures below, the **amount of time between Australians that had registered their interest in returning to Australia and Australians that had now arrived**, since 20 March 2020.
  - a. Average time
    - i. Standard deviation
  - b. Median time
  - c. Range of times
  - d. Lower 25% time quartile
  - e. Upper 25% time quartile



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4. Since 20 March 2020, **what is the number of Australians that had registered their interest in returning to Australia and have now made it to Australia**, broken down by the country they indicated they were in when they registered.
5. Since 20 March 2020, how many Australians, who are **unaccompanied minors** have registered their interest in returning to Australia, broken down by the country they indicated they are currently in, on a monthly basis.
6. Since 20 March 2020, **what percentage of returned Australian citizens** or Australian permanent resident had (at some point prior to returning) **registered with DFAT** their intention to return?
7. Since 20 March 2020, of the **Australians that had registered their interest in returning to Australia and have now made it to Australia**, how many were **unaccompanied minors**?

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**To:** Parliamentary Committees  
**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ABF Government Relations  
**Subject:** RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (DFAT) [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Senator Keneally to DFAT 02072021.docx

**OFFICIAL**

Hey s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

We will accept the first QoN.

Thanks

s. 22(1)(a)

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A/g Inspector, ABF Governance and Ministerial  
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**From:** Parliamentary Committees  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 July 2021 7:56 AM  
**To:** ABF Government Relations  
**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ; Parliamentary Committees  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (DFAT) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi ABF team

DFAT has requested that the Department/ABF accept transfer of the first question in the attached list of written QoN for the COVID-19 Committee.

Grateful if you could confirm by 10.00 am Monday, 5 July 2021 if ABF can accept this QoN.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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