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Dear <sup>s.</sup>  
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I should have mentioned that the question transferred from the Department of Health is a duplicate of question 3 in the Home Affairs/ABF set. So I will not register it twice.

This means we have the 24 Home Affairs/ABF questions and the one additional question transferred from DFAT, giving a total of 25 written questions for response. Let me know if this does not correlate with your records.

Kind regards

<sup>s.</sup>  
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Acting Director, Parliamentary Section  
Ministerial and Parliamentary Branch | Executive Division  
Department of Home Affairs

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

Subject: RE: COVID-19 Committee: Senator Keneally QoN transfer [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the confirmation. I have attached the new Question to the previously transferred question for convenience.

Kind regards,

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

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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Committee: Senator Keneally QoN transfer [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s.  
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Yes, I confirm Home Affairs/ABF will accept transfer of this QoN.

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Committee: Senator Keneally QoN transfer [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon,

I am contacting you in regards to another QoN transfer, this time from the Department of Health, the question was asked by Senator Keneally. Can I please get confirmation that Home Affairs has accepted the transfer of the below 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.'*

Kind regards,

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

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**Subject:** RE: COVID-19 Committee: Senator Keneally QoN transfer [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thank you, s. 22(1) . Received.

Kind regards

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

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<[covid.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:covid.sen@aph.gov.au)>

**Subject:** COVID-19 Committee: Senator Keneally QoN transfer

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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AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE**

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number:** CV19-454

**Subject:** Percentage of outbound Australian travellers fully vaccinated

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

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.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

**Answer:**

The Department does not collect vaccination information from outbound travellers.

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number:** CV19-455

**Subject:** Percentage of inbound travellers fully vaccinated

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

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.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

**Answer:**

As of 13 July 2021, the Department had not collected vaccination information for inbound travellers until the introduction of new questions into the Australia Travel Declaration (ATD). Travellers are now asked whether they have received a vaccination and the type, date and place of vaccination. These responses will be passed onto the Department of Health, along with the other health information collected through the ATD.

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**From:** ABF Government Relations  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 July 2021 3:17 PM  
**To:** OCP Executive Support; Temporary Visas & Border Measures Coordination  
**Cc:** ABF Government Relations  
**Subject:** HPRM: FOR ACTION: Committee Title - Inquiry Title - Question on Notice  
 [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Senator Keneally to HA-BF 02072021.docx  
**Categories:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - INQ

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Good Afternoon,

We have received the Questions on Notice (QoN) sent by Senator Keneally from the Select Committee on Covid-19.

The QoNs will be assigned to you in Parliamentary Document Management System (PDMS) shortly.

Please confirm by return email that your Command will be leading a response to this request and are able to meet the timeframes. If this matter does not fall within your responsibilities, please advise s. 47E(d) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au) as soon as possible including a suggested area for re-allocation.

Important: All statistics need to be cleared through the Chief Statistician by emailing s. 47E(d) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:homeaffairs.gov.au) and any financial data included must be cleared by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as per departmental policy

Please assign your Assistant Commissioner cleared response to ABF Ministerial and Parliamentary Coordination in PDMS by **3 pm, Friday 9 July 2021**. Please ensure that the PDR is in "cleared" status in PDMS.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the ABF Governance and Parliamentary Section.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
 Senior Border Force Officer  
 ABF Governance and Ministerial  
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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.



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

**From:** ABF Government Relations  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 July 2021 9:46 AM  
**To:** OCP Executive Support  
**Cc:** ABF Government Relations  
**Subject:** HPRM: Email to OCP - Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**Categories:** s. 22(1) - INQ

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Hey s. 22(1)

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

*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 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 this QoN.

Regards

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(ii)  
 A/g Inspector, ABF Governance and Ministerial  
 Operational Coordination and Planning  
 Operational Strategy and Coordination  
 Australian Border Force

s. 47E(d)

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

**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@health.gov.au](mailto:@health.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Friday, 2 July 2021 2:46 PM

**To:** Parliamentary Coordination s. 47E(d) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:@homeaffairs.gov.au)>

**Cc:** Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d) [@health.gov.au](mailto:@health.gov.au)>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

[@health.gov.au](mailto:@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:

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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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*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.*

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**To:** ABF Government Relations; ABF WorkForce Executive Support  
**Subject:** HPRM: Email update from ABF WF re: IQ21-000157 : PDMS CC Notification - Record Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**Categories:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - INQ

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

I am clarifying, with the Department, the data we will provide.

I think a consensus has been reached; we'll be able to provide a response at 4:30pm tomorrow, when Ministerial reporting on vaccination numbers is produced.

I'll call now to discuss.

Regards

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

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EO to Assistant Commissioner

Inspector

ABF Workforce

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 July 2021 2:21 PM  
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**Cc:** ABF Government Relations s. 47E(d) @abf.gov.au>; s. 47E(d) @abf.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: IQ21-000157 : PDMS CC Notification - Record Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Any update on when I can expect the below QoN?

Thanks

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Australian Border Force

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Sent: Tuesday, 13 July 2021 1:14 PM

To: ABF WorkForce Executive Support s. 47E(d) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au)>

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Subject: RE: IQ21-000157 : PDMS CC Notification - Record Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) has checked the percentages in response to QoN 462 and there are variances.

The reason for this is that we rely upon one single source of truth for all vaccine reporting, which is the daily vaccine report from the HR Systems Capability and Governance team in PCD (SAP captured based on staff input).

The current data in the QoN response is based on the ABF SIT-REP which we can't support. I've been advised there's been ongoing dialogue between s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii) about the variations, however, according to SAP it should be as follows:

As at 7 July 2021 - data extracted from SAP					
State	ABF (including Marine)				
	Staff in Phase 1a Priority Roles ABF	Dose 1	Dose 2		
				Dose 1	Dose 2
ACT	125	50	35	40.00%	28.00%
NSW	971	718	584	73.94%	60.14%
NT	136	110	98	80.88%	72.06%
QLD	941	653	561	69.39%	59.62%
SA	193	135	119	69.95%	61.66%
TAS	36	22	20	61.11%	55.56%
VIC	887	634	422	71.48%	47.58%
WA	528	431	371	81.63%	70.27%
Overseas	6	5	4	83.33%	66.67%
Total	3823	2758	2214		

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Regards,

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

A/g Assistant Secretary  
Staff Health and Wellbeing Branch | Health Services Division  
Chief Operating Officer Group  
Department of Home Affairs

s. 47E(d)

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

The Department of Home Affairs and the Australian Border Force acknowledge the Traditional Custodians throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their cultures and to their elders past and present.

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**Cc:** ABF WorkForce Executive Support s. 47E(d) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:)>; ABF Government Relations s. 47E(d) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:)>  
**Subject:** FW: IQ21-000157 : PDMS CC Notification - Record Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Importance:** High

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Good afternoon s. 22(1),

AC Huey received the below QoN earlier this afternoon.

The attached response has been drafted for your consideration.

I have also attached a copy of the weekly report provided to the MO; the data in the QoN table has been drawn from this report.

I'll call to discuss.

**ABF Government Relations** / s. 22(1) – for your visibility.

Regards

s. 22(1)  
(a)(iii)

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

EO to Assistant Commissioner  
Inspector  
ABF Workforce  
s. 47E(d)

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**Details:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) has assigned a document to **ABF-PE - ABF Workforce**.  
**Document Type:** Inquiry Question  
**Subject:** Percentage of Home Affairs/ABF workers in Australian airports fully vaccinated

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- Contact the PDMS Helpdesk on s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au

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

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 s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @health.gov.au  
**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Parliamentary Committees; ABF Government Relations  
**Subject:** HPRM: Email to Health - Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Categories:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - INQ

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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  
 s. 47E(d)  
 s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au

**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @health.gov.au>  
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**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?
  - 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)

Cabinet & Parliamentary Coordination

Ministerial and Parliamentary Services Branch

People, Communication & Parliamentary Division | Corporate Operations Group

Australian Government Department of Health

s. 47E(d)

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PO Box 9848, Canberra ACT 2601, Australia

*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.*

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**Attachments:** Senator Keneally to HA-BF 02072021.docx  
**Categories:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - INQ

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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.

Kind regards

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

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Acting Director, Parliamentary Section  
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 Department of Home Affairs

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 s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au; Committee, COVID (SEN) <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.

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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. 47E(d)

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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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- 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
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  - 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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**From:** ABF Government Relations  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 July 2021 3:20 PM  
**To:** OCP Executive Support; Temporary Visas & Border Measures Coordination  
**Cc:** ABF Government Relations  
**Subject:** HPRM: Email tasking to line areas - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Senator Keneally to HA-BF 02072021.docx  
**Categories:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - INQ

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Good Afternoon,

We have received the Questions on Notice (QoN) sent by Senator Keneally from the Select Committee on Covid-19.

The QoNs will be assigned to you in Parliamentary Document Management System (PDMS) shortly.

Please confirm by return email that your Command will be leading a response to this request and are able to meet the timeframes. If this matter does not fall within your responsibilities, please advise s. 47E(d) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:@abf.gov.au) as soon as possible including a suggested area for re-allocation.

Important: All statistics need to be cleared through the Chief Statistician by emailing s. 47E(d) [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:@homeaffairs.gov.au) and any financial data included must be cleared by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as per departmental policy

Please assign your Assistant Commissioner cleared response to ABF Ministerial and Parliamentary Coordination in PDMS by **3 pm, Friday 9 July 2021**. Please ensure that the PDR is in "cleared" status in PDMS.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the ABF Governance and Parliamentary Section.

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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# 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.

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- 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
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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

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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
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  - 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

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15. Since 20 March 2020, how many **individual exemptions** for **outward** traveling persons from Australia have been granted, broken down by month?
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- 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:** OCP Executive Support  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 July 2021 11:51 AM  
**To:** ABF Government Relations  
**Cc:** OCP Executive Support  
**Subject:** HPRM: Email from OCP declining Health Q2 - Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**Categories:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - INQ

**OFFICIAL**

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

I have discussed the below QoN with AC Rendina. The ABF are not able to provide the requested data, as the ABF have not been asked to collect vaccination information as part of ATD or other methods at the border.

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

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

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

**OFFICIAL**

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

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

*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 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 this QoN.

Regards

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

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A/g Inspector, ABF Governance and Ministerial  
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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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**Categories:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - INQ

## 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)

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**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.

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

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Good afternoon, s. 22(1)

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**Subject:** HPRM: COVID-19 Inquiry QoNs [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** COVID-19 QoNs.pdf

**Categories:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - INQ

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Good morning CoS

For your awareness, the attached 2 inquiry QoNs were provided to SDTD mid last week as per discussions between them and the COVID-19 border measures team.

SDTD has drafted a response but advised that ABF should clear the QoN as it relates to the ATD. The response was not provided the ABF Government Relations until today for urgent clearance as it is now 4 days overdue to the MO and due for tabling.

I have provided a copy to A/g DC PE for clearance however as you are aware, he is currently in the Olympics NCM and will be unable to cleared until after 3:30pm.

The Department advised that they will liaise with the relevant advisor who is chasing a response urgently.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 456**

**Subject: Percentage of inbound travellers fully vaccinated**

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

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.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

**Answer:**

As of 13 July 2021, the Department had not collected vaccination information for inbound travellers until the introduction of new questions into the Australia Travel Declaration (ATD). Travellers are now asked whether they have received a vaccination and the type, date and place of vaccination. These responses will be passed onto the Department of Health, along with the other health information collected through the ATD.

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 455**

**Subject: Percentage of outbound Australian travellers fully vaccinated**

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

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.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

**Answer:**

The Department does not collect vaccination information from outbound travellers.

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**To:** Parliamentary Committees; ABF Government Relations  
**Subject:** HPRM: Email from Dept re Health QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Senator Keneally to HA-BF 02072021.docx  
**Importance:** High  
**Categories:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - INQ

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

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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.

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

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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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**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii); ABF Government Relations  
**Subject:** HPRM: ABF accepting health Q1 and declining Q2 - Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**Categories:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - INQ

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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

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**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:



*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.*

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

Kind regards

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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

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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.*

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**Categories:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - INQ

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

These are currently 20 QoNs sitting with A/g DC PE in PDMS for clearance.

There are three outstanding which we hope to get tomorrow morning.

PDR No	Subject	Assigned To	Responsible Area
IQ21-000157	Percentage of Home Affairs/ABF workers in Australian airports fully vaccinated	ABF-PE - ABF Workforce	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000138	Number of international passenger arrivals - by category	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000146	Number of outward travelling persons - by category	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000139	Number of exemption applications for inward travelling persons	BREZZO, Philip	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000140	Number of exemption applications for inward travelling persons - by category	BREZZO, Philip	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000141	Number of exemption applications for compassionate and compelling reasons	BREZZO, Philip	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000142	Number of individual exemptions granted for inwards travelling persons	BREZZO, Philip	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000143	Number of individual exemptions granted for inwards travelling persons - by category	BREZZO, Philip	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000144	Number of exemptions for inward travelling persons for compassionate and compelling reasons - resident relationships	BREZZO, Philip	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000147	Number of individual exemption applications	BREZZO, Philip	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000148	Number of exemption applications by outward travelling persons - by category	BREZZO, Philip	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000149	Number of exemptions granted for outward travelling persons	BREZZO, Philip	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000150	Number of exemptions granted for outward travelling persons - by category	BREZZO, Philip	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000155	Number of outward travelling Australians granted exemption more than once under the category "Travel is for their business/employer"	BREZZO, Philip	ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
IQ21-000134	Passenger flight arrivals	BREZZO, Philip	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000135	Commonwealth responsibility for monitoring quarantine implementation	BREZZO, Philip	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning

IQ21-000136	Number of places available in mandatory government controlled designated quarantine facilities	BREZZO, Philip	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000137	Number of international air passengers arriving on a monthly basis	BREZZO, Philip	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000145	Number of outward travelling persons	BREZZO, Philip	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000153	Number of Australians returned - by reason on incoming passenger card	BREZZO, Philip	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000154	Number of returned travellers that have made multiple trips	BREZZO, Philip	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000156	Most times an individual entering Australia has had to undertake mandatory government quarantine	BREZZO, Philip	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
IQ21-000158	Number of Australians returned - by month and state/territory	BREZZO, Philip	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning

Thanks

S. 22(1)(a)

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Ag Inspector, ABF Governance and Ministerial  
Operational Coordination and Planning  
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Australian Border Force

S. 47E(d)

S. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@abf.gov.au](mailto:abf.gov.au)

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

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

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

We will accept the first QoN.

Thanks

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

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

Ag Inspector, ABF Governance and Ministerial  
 Operational Coordination and Planning  
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 Australian Border Force

s. 47E(d)

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**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)

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

Assistant Director, Parliamentary Section  
Ministerial and Parliamentary Branch | Executive Division  
Department of Home Affairs

s. 47E(d)

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**Sent:** Friday, 2 July 2021 3:10 PM  
**To:** Parliamentary Committees <sup>s. 47E(d)</sup> [@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:@homeaffairs.gov.au)  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (DFAT) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

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)

s. 22(1)(a)

Assistant Director | Parliamentary Engagement and Support Section  
Cabinet Strategy, Ministerial and Parliamentary Branch | Executive Division  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
s. 47E(d)

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

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.

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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. 47E(d)

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**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**?

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

**From:** DLO  
**Sent:** Friday, 16 July 2021 9:46 AM  
**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii); DLO  
**Subject:** FW: For MO noting - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** IQ21-000134.docx; IQ21-000135.docx; IQ21-000136.docx; IQ21-000137.docx; IQ21-000138.docx; IQ21-000139.docx; IQ21-000140.docx; IQ21-000141.docx; IQ21-000142.docx; IQ21-000143.docx; IQ21-000144.docx; IQ21-000145.docx; IQ21-000146.docx; IQ21-000147.docx; IQ21-000148.docx; IQ21-000149.docx; IQ21-000150.docx; IQ21-000158.docx; IQ21-000153.docx; IQ21-000154.docx; IQ21-000155.docx; IQ21-000156.docx

**OFFICIAL**

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  
 Office of The Hon Karen Andrews MP | Minister for Home Affairs  
 s. 47E(d)

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**From:** DLO  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 July 2021 10:40 AM  
**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>  
**Cc:** DLO s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: For MO noting - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hello s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – 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  
 s. 47E(d)

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

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

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

s. 22(1) [redacted]

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

Acting Director, Parliamentary Section  
 Ministerial and Parliamentary Branch | Executive Division  
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 Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au)>; DLO s. 47E(d) [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au)>  
 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]

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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

s. 47E(d)

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From: Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 9 July 2021 9:51 AM

To: DLO s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>; Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>

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.

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)

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

Acting Director, Parliamentary Section

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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. 47E(d)

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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)

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

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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***

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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) [redacted] | Administrative Officer

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

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 437**

**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) records the movement of travellers and goods across the Australian border. The ABF is unable to disaggregate details of aircraft arrivals as entities from reportable systems. Manual extraction of this information constitutes an unreasonable diversion of resources for the ABF.

Date Approved: 13 July 2021		
SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command Tel: <span style="background-color: grey; color: black;">s. 47E(d)</span>		
Consultation: Nil		
Additional Clearance from: (Highlight applicable) Statistics	Legal	Finance

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 438**

**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:**

Australia's response to COVID-19 is a joint effort, coordinated between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories.

As part of this response, everyone has their role to play. Quarantine arrangements during COVID-19 have been predominantly a matter for State and Territory governments.

States and Territories have a broad range of public health and emergency response powers available under public and emergency management legislation for responding to health emergencies such as COVID-19.

The Commonwealth is committed to supporting those State and Territory quarantine arrangements. This support includes a bilateral agreement with the Northern Territory government to prioritise the return of our most vulnerable Australians at the Centre for National Resilience located at Howard Springs.

**Date Approved: 13 July 2021**

**SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command**

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

**Consultation: Nil**

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 439**

**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:**

Quarantine arrangements are managed and enforced by state and territory governments.

The Australian Border Force (ABF) does not record data on availability of quarantine places.

**Date Approved: 13 July 2021**

**SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command**

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

**Consultation: Nil**

**Additional Clearance from: (Highlight applicable)**

**Statistics**

**Legal**

**Finance**

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 440**

**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:**

This information is not reportable from Australian Border Force (ABF) systems and would require manual review of individual incoming traveller records to remove travellers that are auto exempted from hotel quarantine caps (Green Zone flights, transits, crew, diplomats, etc). Travellers may also seek an exemption from hotel quarantine arrangements from the relevant State or Territory authority, the ABF does not have access to this information.

Date Approved: 14 July 2021			
SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command			
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Consultation: Nil			
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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 441**

**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. 8,366 passengers arrived who were recruited under the Government approved Seasonal Worker Program or Pacific Labour Scheme.
- 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.

Date Approved: 13 July 2021

SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command

Tel: s. 47E(d)

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 449**

**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.
- 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. 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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- 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.

Date Approved: 14 July 2021		
SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command Tel: s. 47E(d)		
Consultation: Nil		
Additional Clearance from: (Highlight applicable) Statistics	Legal	Finance



# HOME AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE

## PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 457**

**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	<b>25,349</b>
January 2021	0	7,836	1,544	3,606	1,657	47	3,929	2,531	<b>21,150</b>
February 2021	172	7,152	1,614	3,418	1,626	100	1,765	1,682	<b>17,529</b>
March 2021	133	9,882	1,827	4,633	1,773	78	420	2,768	<b>21,514</b>
April 2021	14	12,730	1,087	4,759	1,592	45	4,708	3,004	<b>27,939</b>
May 2021	34	23,715	1,775	13,539	1,928	200	12,618	2,444	<b>56,253</b>
June 2021	83	23,860	1,508	14,376	2,098	277	5,752	3,154	<b>51,108</b>
<b>Total passenger arrivals from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021</b>									<b>487,968</b>

Note: This table does not distinguish between Australian Citizen and Permanent Resident passengers or crew.

Date Approved: 13 July 2021		
SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command		
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Consultation: Nil		
Additional Clearance from: (Highlight applicable)	Legal	Finance
Statistics		

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 458**

**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:**

The Australian Border Force (ABF) records the movement of travellers and goods across the Australian border.

The ABF is unable to extract data on individuals making multiple trips from reportable systems. Manual extraction of this information constitutes an unreasonable diversion of resources for the ABF.

Date Approved: 13 July 2021

SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command

Tel: s. 47E(d)

Consultation: Nil

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

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 459**

**Subject: Number of outward travelling Australians granted exemption more than once under the category “Travel is for their business/employer”**

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

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.

If this exact information isn’t available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

**Answer:**

It is not possible to provide this data without manual cross-referencing multiple systems, which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Date Approved: 13 July 2021
SES Contact Officer: Sandra Jeffery Assistant Secretary, Temporary Visas and Border Measures Branch Tel: s. 47E(d)
Consultation: ABF Central Reporting Unit
Additional Clearance from: N/A

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 460**

**Subject: Most times an individual entering Australia has had to undertake mandatory government quarantine**

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

Since 20 March 2020, what is the most times an individual has entered Australia and been required to undertake mandatory government quarantine?  
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) records the movement of travellers and goods across the Australian border.

The ABF is unable to extract data on individuals making multiple trips from reportable systems. Manual extraction of this information constitutes an unreasonable diversion of resources for the ABF.

Date Approved: 13 July 2021			
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Tel: s. 47E(d) [REDACTED]			
Consultation: Nil			
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**From:** Parliamentary Committees  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 July 2021 10:15 AM  
**To:** DLO  
**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Parliamentary Committees  
**Subject:** Heads up: 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; RE: Transfer of QoN - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 [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)

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

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## OFFICIAL

**From:** Committee, COVID (SEN)  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 July 2021 1:56 PM  
**To:** Parliamentary Committees ; Parliamentary Coordination ; Committee, COVID (SEN)  
**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.

Released by Department of Home Affairs  
 under the Freedom of Information Act 1982



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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**To:** Parliamentary Committees; Committee, COVID (SEN)  
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**Attachments:** Senator Keneally to HA 06072021.docx

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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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*I acknowledge the traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and pay my respect to the elders, past and present of all Australia's Indigenous peoples.*

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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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# 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.

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

**From:** Parliamentary Committees  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 July 2021 1:57 PM  
**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @health.gov.au; s. 47E(d) @health.gov.au;  
 s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @health.gov.au  
**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)

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

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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?
- 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) (she/her)

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

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**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii); DLO  
**Subject:** FW: For MO noting - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** IQ21-000134.docx; IQ21-000135.docx; IQ21-000136.docx; IQ21-000137.docx; IQ21-000138.docx; IQ21-000139.docx; IQ21-000140.docx; IQ21-000141.docx; IQ21-000142.docx; IQ21-000143.docx; IQ21-000144.docx; IQ21-000145.docx; IQ21-000146.docx; IQ21-000147.docx; IQ21-000148.docx; IQ21-000149.docx; IQ21-000150.docx; IQ21-000158.docx; IQ21-000153.docx; IQ21-000154.docx; IQ21-000155.docx; IQ21-000156.docx

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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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 s. 47E(d)

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**From:** DLO  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 July 2021 10:40 AM  
**To:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>  
**Cc:** DLO s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: For MO noting - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hello s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – 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

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 Cc: Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>  
 Subject: For MO noting - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs)  
 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

## 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

s. 22(1)

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

Acting Director, Parliamentary Section  
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 Department of Home Affairs

s. 47E(d)

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From: DLO s. 47E( ) @homeaffairs.gov.au>  
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 To: Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>  
 Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>; DLO s. 47E( ) @homeaffairs.gov.au>  
 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]

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

With thanks

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

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s. 47E(d)

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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.

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)

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

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To: Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>

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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]

**OFFICIAL**

Hello s. 22(1),

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. 47E(d)

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Sent: Tuesday, 6 July 2021 10:15 AM

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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)

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

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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) [redacted] | Administrative Officer

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

s. 47E(d) [redacted]

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 437**

**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) records the movement of travellers and goods across the Australian border. The ABF is unable to disaggregate details of aircraft arrivals as entities from reportable systems. Manual extraction of this information constitutes an unreasonable diversion of resources for the ABF.

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SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command Tel: <span style="background-color: grey; color: black;">s. 47E(d)</span>		
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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 438**

**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:**

Australia's response to COVID-19 is a joint effort, coordinated between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories.

As part of this response, everyone has their role to play. Quarantine arrangements during COVID-19 have been predominantly a matter for State and Territory governments.

States and Territories have a broad range of public health and emergency response powers available under public and emergency management legislation for responding to health emergencies such as COVID-19.

The Commonwealth is committed to supporting those State and Territory quarantine arrangements. This support includes a bilateral agreement with the Northern Territory government to prioritise the return of our most vulnerable Australians at the Centre for National Resilience located at Howard Springs.

**Date Approved: 13 July 2021**

**SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command**

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 439**

**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:**

Quarantine arrangements are managed and enforced by state and territory governments.

The Australian Border Force (ABF) does not record data on availability of quarantine places.

**Date Approved: 13 July 2021**

**SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command**

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**Consultation: Nil**

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 440**

**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:**

This information is not reportable from Australian Border Force (ABF) systems and would require manual review of individual incoming traveller records to remove travellers that are auto exempted from hotel quarantine caps (Green Zone flights, transits, crew, diplomats, etc). Travellers may also seek an exemption from hotel quarantine arrangements from the relevant State or Territory authority, the ABF does not have access to this information.

**Date Approved:** 14 July 2021

**SES Contact Officer:** Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command

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

**Consultation:** Nil

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 441**

**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. 8,366 passengers arrived who were recruited under the Government approved Seasonal Worker Program or Pacific Labour Scheme.
- 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.

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- 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: 449**

**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.
- 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.
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- 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.

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## PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 457**

**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	<b>25,349</b>
January 2021	0	7,836	1,544	3,606	1,657	47	3,929	2,531	<b>21,150</b>
February 2021	172	7,152	1,614	3,418	1,626	100	1,765	1,682	<b>17,529</b>
March 2021	133	9,882	1,827	4,633	1,773	78	420	2,768	<b>21,514</b>
April 2021	14	12,730	1,087	4,759	1,592	45	4,708	3,004	<b>27,939</b>
May 2021	34	23,715	1,775	13,539	1,928	200	12,618	2,444	<b>56,253</b>
June 2021	83	23,860	1,508	14,376	2,098	277	5,752	3,154	<b>51,108</b>
<b>Total passenger arrivals from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2021</b>									<b>487,968</b>

Note: This table does not distinguish between Australian Citizen and Permanent Resident passengers or crew.

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 458**

**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:**

The Australian Border Force (ABF) records the movement of travellers and goods across the Australian border.

The ABF is unable to extract data on individuals making multiple trips from reportable systems. Manual extraction of this information constitutes an unreasonable diversion of resources for the ABF.

Date Approved: 13 July 2021

SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command

Tel: s. 47E(d)

Consultation: Nil

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



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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 459**

**Subject: Number of outward travelling Australians granted exemption more than once under the category “Travel is for their business/employer”**

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

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.

If this exact information isn't available, please provide as much information as possible in relation to this question.

**Answer:**

It is not possible to provide this data without manual cross-referencing multiple systems, which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Date Approved: 13 July 2021
SES Contact Officer: Sandra Jeffery Assistant Secretary, Temporary Visas and Border Measures Branch Tel: s. 47E(d)
Consultation: ABF Central Reporting Unit
Additional Clearance from: N/A

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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

**QoN Number: 460**

**Subject: Most times an individual entering Australia has had to undertake mandatory government quarantine**

**Asked by:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

Since 20 March 2020, what is the most times an individual has entered Australia and been required to undertake mandatory government quarantine?  
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Hello – these first 22 have been noted.

I realise we have 23 with us, do you know when 24 and 25 can be expected?

With thanks

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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).

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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

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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:

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2. the agreement of the relevant agency to whom the question is transferred; and
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Kind regards,

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

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Hello s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – 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.

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