

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

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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,

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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: s. 47E(d) [REDACTED]		
Consultation: Nil		
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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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

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Consultation: Nil		
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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.

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Good afternoon,

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

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

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

1. *Since 20 March 2020, what is the number of international air passengers (that count towards the international air passenger arrival caps) that have arrived in Australia nationally on a monthly basis. Please also provide the same data broken down by state and territory (of their arrival) on a monthly basis.*
2. *Since 20 March 2020, what percentage of inbound passengers arriving into Australia have been fully vaccinated (for COVID-19), broken down by month?*
 - a. *Please also provide this data broken down by vaccine type (i.er. Pfizer, AstraZeneca, etc..)*

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- 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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Hi ABF team

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

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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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Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Emily GRANT; Parliamentary Committees
Subject: FW: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Senator Keneally to HA-BF 02072021.docx
Categories: s. 22(1), Awaiting Response

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

Acting Director, Parliamentary Section
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To: Parliamentary Committees ; Parliamentary Coordination ; Committee, COVID (SEN)
Subject: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs)

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

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Written questions on notice for HOME AFFAIRS/AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE

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?
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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
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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.
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- 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
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 - 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: Parliamentary Committees
Sent: Tuesday, 13 July 2021 2:42 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Parliamentary Committees
Subject: FW: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s.
 22(1)

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

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

Kind regards

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

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From: Parliamentary Committees
Sent: Tuesday, 13 July 2021 9:57 AM
To: Parliamentary Committees ; ABF Government Relations
Subject: RE: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi ABF

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

Many thanks

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 22(1)

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

Sent: Friday, 9 July 2021 10:32 AM

To: ABF Government Relations s. 47E(d) @abf.gov.au>; Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>

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

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Hi s. 22(1)

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

I will change the due date in the PDMS record.

Kind regards

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

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Sent: Friday, 9 July 2021 9:17 AM

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Good morning,

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

Could you please advise at the earliest.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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

Senior Border Force Officer
ABF Governance and Ministerial
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Sent: Friday, 2 July 2021 3:10 PM
To: Parliamentary Committees
Subject: FW: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (DFAT) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Senator Keneally to DFAT 02072021.docx
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: s. 22(1)

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Good afternoon

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

Many thanks

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

From: Committee, COVID (SEN)
Sent: Friday, 2 July 2021 1:48 PM
To: CHCH.Parliamentary Engagement Unit (PRU) ; Committee, COVID (SEN)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (DFAT)

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

Asked by: Senator Keneally

Asked: 02 July 2021

Due: 4.00 pm AEST, Friday, 16 July 2021

Questions:

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

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Sent: Monday, 5 July 2021 7:56 AM
To: ABF Government Relations
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Parliamentary Committees
Subject: FW: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (DFAT) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Senator Keneally to DFAT 02072021.docx
Categories: s. 22(1)

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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
 Anna

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

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

From: DLO
Sent: Friday, 16 July 2021 12:30 PM
To: Parliamentary Committees
Cc: DLO
Subject: FW: For MO noting - Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice (Home Affairs) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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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

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

| Departmental Liaison Officer

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

s. 47E(d)

From: Parliamentary Committees s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 July 2021 10:30 AM
To: DLO s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>
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]

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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 of 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)

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

OFFICIAL

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

With thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | **Departmental Liaison Officer**
 Office of The Hon Karen Andrews MP | Minister for Home Affairs
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Good morning,

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

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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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THE SENATE
SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Written questions on notice for the Department of Home Affairs

Asked by: Senator Keneally **Asked:** 02 July 2021
Due: 4.00 pm AEST, Friday, 23 July 2021

Questions:

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Please provide the data on a monthly basis.

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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.

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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: s. 47E(d) [REDACTED]		
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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.

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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: 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.

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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.

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

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		
Tel: s. 47E(d)		
Consultation: Nil		
Additional Clearance from: (Highlight applicable)	Legal	Finance
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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			
SES Contact Officer: Sarah Nicolson, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operational Coordination and Planning Command			
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Consultation: Nil			
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Subject: Percentage of outbound Australian travellers fully vaccinated

PDR Number: IQ21-000151
Responsible Area: ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures
Current Status: Draft
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Document Link: [IQ21-000151](#)

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From: s. 47E(d) @pws.gov.au
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To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: IQ21-000155 Number of outward travelling Australians granted exemption more than once under the category "Travel is for their business/employer" : Inquiry Question [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Document Type: Inquiry Question

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

PDR Number: IQ21-000155

Responsible Area: ABF - COVID-19 Border Measures

Current Status: Draft

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 7 July 2021 11:36 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Conversation with s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) 11:23 AM:

Ello ello, s. 22(1)(a)(ii) wants me to reach out to Kylie Rendina's division regarding a QoN we received, would you know who the best contact would be ?

IQ21-000151 that's the QoN number (if your interested) as far as we are aware we don't collect this data etc. however want to check with Kylie R's division.

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 7 July 2021 11:57 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii), s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Conversation with s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) 11:35 AM:

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) : I've been given you as a contact point by s. 22(1)(a)(ii). I work with s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii) in Border Measures, we have received QoN IQ21-000151 and I need to touch base with someone within Kylie Rendina's division.

Would you be able to assist with who the best contact would be regarding QoN's ?

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) 11:40 AM:

Hi

What information do you need for the QoN?

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) 11:42 AM:

the QoN is asking if we collect data on how many ppl have been fully vaccinated, since March 2020, who have been granted an outbound travel exemption

Border Measures is not aware and does not collect this data, we wanted to check with Kylie's division to make sure

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) 11:44 AM:

No one in the ABF is collecting Vaccination data that this time

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) 11:45 AM:

ok ty

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

From: Temporary Visas & Travel Exemptions Coordination
Sent: Wednesday, 7 July 2021 3:29 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FOR ACTION: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Senator Keneally to HA-BF 02072021.docx; Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 QoNs.xlsx

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Hi Team

Please see attached ABF Gov spreadsheet, grateful if you could please cross check and confirm the QoNs listed are with us and assigned correctly.

Also, please note that ABF are seeking an extension for us to get our QoNs back to them (through s. 22(1)(a)(ii)) by COB Tuesday rather than tomorrow as advised in the original tasking, however we will still need to push them up the line asap.

Any questions, please let me know.

Thanks

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

Temporary Visas and Border Measures Branch
 Immigration Programs Division
 Immigration and Settlement Services Group
 Department of Home Affairs

s. 47E(d)

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

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Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>
Subject: FOR ACTION: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi team,

Please see below and attached QoNs coming through – FAS cleared response is requested by 3pm Friday so grateful if you could please assign the EL2 cleared responses back to me (Cc ^{s. 22(1)}_{(a)(ii)}) **ASAP**.

Can you please let me know ASAP if any questions in the attached document are not for us and I will have them reassigned.

Thanks

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

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From: ABF Government Relations ^{s. 47E(d)} @abf.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 6 July 2021 3:20 PM
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Cc: ABF Government Relations ^{s. 47E(d)} @abf.gov.au
Subject: FOR ACTION: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19: Written questions on notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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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 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 and any financial data included must be cleared by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as per departmental policy

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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
Australian Border Force

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

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

IQ21-000146	Select Committee COVID-19	Number of outward travelling persons - by category	9/07/2021 17:00	ABF-OSC - Operational Coordination and Planning
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Written questions on notice for HOME AFFAIRS/AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE

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

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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?
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
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- 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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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..)
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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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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?

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Answer:

The Department does not collect vaccination information from outbound travellers.

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 7 July 2021 11:45 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii), s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Conversation with s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) 11:28 AM:

Hey s. 22(1), do you have a contact you can suggest in Kylie Rendina's division? Need to check with them regarding QoN IQ21-000151

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) 11:31 AM:

hi s. 22(1), only s. 22(1)(a)(ii), she may not be the right person but she might be able to point you in the right direction

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) 11:32 AM:

thank you will reach out :)

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Asked by: Kristina Keneally

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