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Senator Katy Gallagher
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Gallagher,

I refer to Question on Notice CV19-373. On 8 October 2020, data was provided to the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 relating to monthly air arrivals into Australia for the period covering 1 April 2020 to 25 September 2020.

The data provided and tabled in our initial response included air and sea arrivals and was provided in error.

I now submit new data to rectify this issue, of which only includes air arrivals.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide the correct information to the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19.

Yours sincerely

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AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE**

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Select Committee COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-373

Subject: Air Arrivals into Australia

Asked by: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Please provide monthly data for air arrivals into Australia from 1 April 2020 to 25 September to indicate the following. If this exact data is not available, please provide whatever data is available to help the COVID-19 Select Committee to understand the numbers of people arriving into Australia and under what categories, and what proportion are moving into quarantine.

- a. The number of people who arrived into Australia in total
 - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- b. The number of Australians, permanent residents, immediate family members of citizens/permanent residents, NZ citizens usually resident in Australia and their immediate family members
 - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- c. The number of diplomats accredited to Australia (holding a subclass 995 visa)
 - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- d. The number of people recruited under the Government approved Seasonal Worker Program or Pacific Labour Scheme
 - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- e. The number of people on a Business Innovation and Investment (subclass 188) visa
 - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- f. The number of people who arrived and were a non-citizen 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
 - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- g. The number of people who arrived and were providing critical or specialist medical services, including air ambulance, medical evacuations and delivering critical medical supplies
 - i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- h. The number of people who arrived and were a non-citizen with critical skills or working in a critical sector in Australia

- i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
The number of people who arrived and were a non-citizen sponsored by your employer
to work in Australia in an occupation on the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List (PMSOL)
- i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- j. The number of people who arrived and were a non-citizen whose entry would otherwise
be in the national interest, supported by the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority
- i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- k. The number of people who arrived and were 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
- i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- l. The number of people who arrived and were a student completing year 11 and 12, with
support from the relevant Australian State or Territory government health authority and education department
- i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine
- m. The number of people who arrived and were travelling for compassionate and compelling reasons.
- i. The proportion of these people who were required to enter hotel quarantine

Answer:

In response to part A, B, C, D, E, K and L, table 1 provides air arrivals figures into Australia from 1 April 2020 until 25 September 2020.

Table 1: Air arrivals into Australia 1 April 2020 until 25 September 2020.

Question Number	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
a. Total number of air arrivals	31,058	28,219	34,574	28,573	27,768	25,177	175,369
b. Australian Citizens	16,185	12,340	15,133	11,834	9,756	8,267	73,515
b. New Zealand Citizens	1,495	2,543	2,944	1,777	1,755	1,739	12,217
b. Australian Permanent Residents	3,621	3,872	5,232	2,930	2,458	2,309	20,422
c. Diplomatic Visa Holders	19	28	55	114	171	166	553
d. Seasonal Worker Program and the Pacific Labour Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	161	162
e. Business Innovation And Investment Visa Holders	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	42	58
k. Special Purpose Military Travel Authority	<5	<5	29	52	43	50	178

I. Student Visa Holders (aged 16 to 20 years of age)	<5	14	11	<5	<5	5	41
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The Australian Border Force (ABF) does not hold data on:

- The number of travellers that arrived into Australia and entered mandatory quarantine under state and territory health arrangements.
- The immediate family members that may have returned to Australia with Australian citizens, permanent residents and New Zealand Citizens that usually reside in Australia.
- The number of diplomats accredited to Australia (holding a subclass 966 visa). The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade are the responsible agency for accrediting foreign diplomats in Australia. The figures in table 1 represent travellers who entered Australia on a Diplomatic (International Relations) (subclass 955) visa.

It is not possible to provide detailed data in response to part E, K and L without a manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources. The ABF however provides the following available data to assist the Committee:

- In response to part E, the number of travellers who entered Australia on a Business Innovations and Investment (subclass 188) visa.
- In response to part K, the number of military personnel who arrived via a Special Purpose Military Travel Authority.
- In response to part L, the number travellers who entered Australia on student visas and were aged between 16 to 20 years.

In response to part I, to provide the number of people who arrived and were non-citizens sponsored by an employer to work in Australia in an occupation on the Priority Migrant Skilled Occupation List would require manual examination of individual records which would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources

In response to part M the data available to the ABF does not differentiate the travelers that arrived into Australia for compassionate and compelling reasons.

In response to part F, G, H and J the ABF does not hold data that meets this request.