

**Question on notice no. 117**

**Portfolio question number: AE22-117**

**2021-22 Additional estimates**

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio**

**Senator Raff Ciccone:** asked the Department of Home Affairs on 14 February 2022

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Please provide the Committee with the number of subclass 785 and 790 visa holders:

- a. who have applied for a travel exemption in each month since July 2021; and
- b. who have been granted a travel exemption in each month since July 2021.

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES  
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**Home Affairs Portfolio  
Department of Home Affairs**

**Program 2.3: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

**AE22-117 - Subclass 785 and 790 visa holders - travel exemptions**

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*Answer:*

Inwards travel exemption requests<sup>1</sup> received and approved where the person declared they had applied for or held<sup>2</sup> a subclass 785 (Temporary Protection) or subclass 790 (Safe Haven Enterprise) visa, by month.

Month	Requests received	Requests approved <sup>3</sup>
July 2021	24	0
August 2021	33	0
September 2021	35	<5
October 2021	25	0
November 2021	42	<5
December 2021	<10	0
January 2022	<5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>

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<sup>1</sup> *Requests' means individuals who sought an exemption. An individual may submit more than one request.*

<sup>2</sup> *It is not possible to accurately disaggregate visa holders from visa applicants in travel exemption data.*

<sup>3</sup> *Excludes requests received in which persons were found to meet an already exempt category, requests that did not contain sufficient information for consideration by a decision maker, withdrawn and refused requests. Individual requests may not be received and finalised during the same period.*

*From 15 December 2021, Subclass 785 and 790 visa holders only require a travel exemption if they do not meet the Australian Government's definition of "fully vaccinated against COVID-19"*