Breakdown of approvals of Other Critical Worker("OCW") Border Exception Requests by sector, months of decision and reasons for approval

| Sector and approval reason | and approval reason Month of approval | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | July 2020 | August 2020 | September 2020 | October 2020 | November 2020 | December 2020 | January 2021 | February 2021 | March 2021 | April 2021 | May 2021 | June 2021 | July 2021 | August 2021 | September 2021 | October 2021 | Grand Total |
| Advisory/Consulting | 2020 | 3 | 2020 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2021 | 5 | 5 | 2021 | 52 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not | | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | 36 |
| obtainable in NZ | | - | - | ' | | - | | - | ' | | | - | - | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an approved major | | 2 | | | | 4 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | 12 |
| infrastructure project | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | 4 |
| economy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Construction | 11 | 5 | 21 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 17 | 3 | 158 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | 6 | 5 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 86 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an approved major | 5 | | 7 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 65 |
| infrastructure project | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government- | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 2 |
| approved programme | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| economy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| iii. meets the requirements of an approved class of worker listed at H5.30.20. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | 3 |
| Education | 3 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 18 | 6 | 19 | 18 | 15 | 17 | 13 | 24 | 3 | 183 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not | 3 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 18 | 6 | 18 | 17 | 14 | 16 | 13 | 21 | 3 | 175 |
| obtainable in NZ | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | - | | | | 1 | <u> </u> |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government- | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 2 |
| approved programme | | - | | - | | | | + | | | 1 | - | | | | - | <u> </u> |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 3 |
| economy iii. meets the requirements of an approved class of worker listed at H5.30.20. | | | | | | | | | | + | | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 |
| | 4 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 4 | 102 |
| Energy | 4 | | 9 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | | 7 | 4 | 82 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | 4 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 9 | ° | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | / | 4 | 82 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government- | | | | - | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 |
| approved programme | | | | | | | | | | | * | • | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 5 | | 18 |
| economy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Entertainment/Arts | 6 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | | 97 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | 6 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | | 78 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an approved major | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| infrastructure project | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | | | | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 18 |
| economy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Film/Television | 15 | 22 | 21 | 14 | 30 | 14 | 17 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 209 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not | 3 | 10 | 15 | 9 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 117 |
| obtainable in NZ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | 12 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 16 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 92 |
| economy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finance | | 1 | 4 | 4 | | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 25 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not | | 1 | 4 | 4 | | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | 2 | | 21 |
| obtainable in NZ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | <u> </u> |

| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an approved major | | 1 | | | | | | | | \neg | | I | | | 1 | | 1 |
|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----------|----|---|----|--------------|
| infrastructure project | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government- | | + | | | | | | _ | | + | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 3 |
| approved programme | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 3 |
| Government | 8 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 15 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 134 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not | 6 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 2 | +- | 71 |
| obtainable in NZ | | | ١ | 7 | | ١ | | " | | 1 | - | _ | | 10 | - | | ' - |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an approved major | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| infrastructure project | | | | | | | - | | | | | | | | | | - |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an government approved | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| event | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government- | | | 1 | | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 54 |
| approved programme | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| economy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - in support of an approved government-to-government | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 5 |
| agreement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Healthcare | 3 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 3 | | | | 5 | | 49 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not | 3 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 2 | | | | 3 | | 45 |
| obtainable in NZ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an approved major | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| infrastructure project | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 3 |
| economy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ICT/Digital | 3 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 5 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 124 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not | 2 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 115 |
| obtainable in NZ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an approved major | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| infrastructure project | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government- | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | 2 |
| approved programme | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | | | 1 | | | | | 2 | | | | | 2 | | | 5 |
| economy | | | | | | | | | | | - | - | - | | + | | |
| Import/Export | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | 21 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | 18 |
| obtainable in NZ | | | | | | | | | | - | | | | | + | | |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government- | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| approved programme | | | | | | | 1 | | | _ | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| economy iii. meets the requirements of an approved class of worker listed at H5.30.20. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Infrastructure | 6 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 93 |
| | | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | | | 7 | _ | 5 | | <u> </u> | | | 2 | |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | / | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 55 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an approved major | 4 | 1 | | | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 31 |
| infrastructure project | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government- | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | 3 |
| approved programme | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 4 |
| economy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Manufacturing | 11 | 14 | 24 | 12 | 16 | 17 | 5 | 24 | 42 | 28 | 27 | 20 | 14 | 19 | 14 | 3 | 290 |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|-----|
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | 11 | 13 | 22 | 11 | 14 | 14 | 5 | 24 | 38 | 25 | 20 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 3 | 256 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an approved major infrastructure project | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 6 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government- approved programme | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 1 | | 1 | | | 6 |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | 3 | 2 | | 22 |
| economy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marine | | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 3 | | 47 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | | 5 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 3 | | 44 |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional economy | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Oil & Gas | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 14 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 87 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 81 |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional economy | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 6 |
| Primary - Agriculture | 1 | 5 | 5 | 53 | 19 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | | 1 | 12 | 76 | 34 | 4 | 230 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | 1 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | 41 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an government approved event | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional economy | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| iii. meets the requirements of an approved class of worker listed at H5.30.20. | | | | 46 | 14 | 4 | | | | | | | 11 | 74 | 34 | 3 | 186 |
| Primary - Fisheries | | 10 | 8 | 17 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 17 | 5 | 136 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | | 10 | 7 | 4 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 3 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 5 | | 46 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government- approved programme | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 16 |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | 7 |
| economy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| iii. meets the requirements of an approved class of worker listed at H5.30.20. | | | | 13 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 67 |
| Primary - Food Processing | 9 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 5 | 1 | 61 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | 9 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 5 | 1 | 60 |
| iii. meets the requirements of an approved class of worker listed at H5.30.20. | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Primary - Forestry | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | 9 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | 9 |
| Primary - Horticulture | 1 | | | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | 1 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 27 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | 1 | | | | 2 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 17 |
| iii. meets the requirements of an approved class of worker listed at H5.30.20. | | | | | | 3 | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 4 | 1 | | 10 |
| Primary - Mining | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 11 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | | | | 1 | | | 9 |

| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 |
|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|---|-----|
| economy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | * | | |
| Primary - Veterinarians | 1 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 87 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | 1 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional economy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| iii. meets the requirements of an approved class of worker listed at H5.30.20. | | | | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 35 |
| Research & Development | 9 | 9 | 16 | 16 | 18 | 21 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 20 | 18 | 24 | 1 | 224 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | 4 | 5 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 7 | | 121 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an government approved event | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government-approved programme | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 5 | | 57 |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | 3 |
| economy | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| ii. time-critical role - in support of an approved government-to-government agreement | 4 | 1 | 2 | | 5 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 2 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 1 | 40 |
| Retail | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 16 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 14 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government-approved programme | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional economy | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Services | 2 | 5 | 12 | 8 | 17 | 13 | 5 | 9 | | | 6 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 2 | | 92 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | 2 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 15 | 10 | 4 | 9 | | | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 2 | | 80 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an approved major infrastructure project | | | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 5 |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional economy | | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | 6 |
| iii. meets the requirements of an approved class of worker listed at H5.30.20. | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Sport/Recreation | 7 | 14 | 12 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 23 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 147 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | | 4 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 52 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an approved major infrastructure project | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an government approved event | 7 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 19 | 8 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | 90 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government- approved programme | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| ii. time-critical role - has significant wider benefit to the national or regional economy | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| N/A | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Tourism/Hospitality | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | | 20 |
| i. has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not obtainable in NZ | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | | 20 |

| Transport | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | | 2 | 54 |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| has unique experience and technical or specialist skills that are not btainable in NZ | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | | 2 | 41 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an approved major infrastructure project | 1 | | 2 | | | | 3 | 3 | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | 12 |
| ii. time-critical role - essential for the delivery of an major government- approved programme | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Grand Total | 106 | 144 | 190 | 220 | 228 | 215 | 184 | 186 | 204 | 154 | 143 | 146 | 161 | 244 | 219 | 41 | 278 |