


## Monthly Highlight Report: December 2020 & January 2021

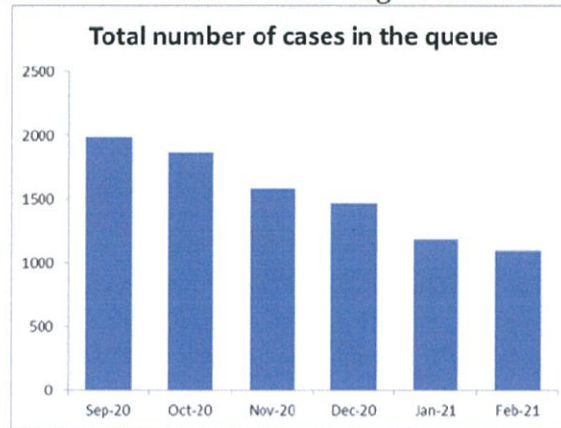
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Protective Security Services	<p><b>Protective Security Requirements (PSR)</b> - In December 2020, the Director-General of Health wrote to both the NZSIS and GCSB Director-Generals seeking protective security support for the COVID-19 vaccine roll out. In collaboration with the National Cyber Security Centre, this has been a key focus for the PSR Team in January. We have provided a RESTRICTED brief on the intelligence-informed threat in this area, and are providing ongoing assistance and advice on the IT security, physical security and personnel security consideration that MOH and the DHBs will need to consider. We expect to continue providing this support throughout the vaccine rollout.</p> <p>s6(a)</p> <p><b>Security Vetting - December/January highlights.</b> The graph below shows the total number of security clearance applications waiting to be completed. The downward trend of reducing the backlog continued over this period.</p>  <table border="1"> <caption>Total Inventory</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>Total Inventory</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Jul-20</td> <td>3000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aug-20</td> <td>2900</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sep-20</td> <td>2650</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct-20</td> <td>2350</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov-20</td> <td>2050</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec-20</td> <td>1800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan-21</td> <td>1600</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Month	Total Inventory	Jul-20	3000	Aug-20	2900	Sep-20	2650	Oct-20	2350	Nov-20	2050	Dec-20	1800	Jan-21	1600
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The net reduction in November 2020 was 200 applications and in January 2021 it was 300. It is anticipated that the trend of a net reduction of 300 cases per month that was evident over the August to November 2020 period will continue again in 2021.

**The Vetting Queue.** The graph below represents the total number of applications waiting for their security clearance assessment to start. In line with the trend for the total inventory, the number of cases in the queue has also been steadily declining. One of our key performance indicators for the year ending 30 June 2021 is to have a maximum of 860 applications in the queue. The current total is 1,090. The target for CONFIDENTIAL and SECRET clearances has already been achieved, and there is strong confidence that the TOP SECRET and TOP SECRET SPECIAL targets will also be achieved.



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