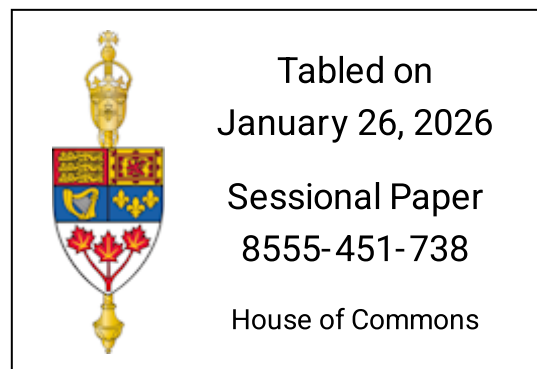

Question

With regard to protected persons in Canada who were exempted from completing a subsequent immigration medical examination when applying for permanent residence under the Temporary Public Policy and subsequent regulatory amendments, since September 10, 2020, broken down by year: (a) how many applications were subject to additional review by an officer due to (i) concerns related to declared or identified travel history outside Canada, (ii) concerns related to compliance with medical surveillance conditions, (iii) other medical admissibility or program considerations; (b) how many applicants initially considered eligible for the exemption were later determined to be ineligible before a final permanent residence decision was rendered; and (c) of the applicants in (b), how many were determined to be ineligible due to (i) non-compliance with medical surveillance requirements, (ii) time spent outside Canada in a country or territory designated as having a higher incidence of serious communicable disease, (iii) inconsistent, incomplete or inaccurate information related to medical or travel history provided in the application process?

Response

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Reply

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

There were 41 859 protected persons in Canada who were exempted from completing a subsequent immigration medical examination when applying for permanent residence under the Temporary Public Policy and subsequent regulatory amendments, between September 10, 2020, and October 31, 2025. The following is the breakdown by year*:

Year	Number of Protected Persons in Canada exempted from completing a subsequent immigration medical examination when applying for permanent residence under the Temporary Public Policy and subsequent regulatory amendments
2020 (starting September 10)	699
2021	13,838
2022	17,872
2023	7,540
2024	1,342
2025 (up to October 31)	584
Total**	41,859

*Data is operational and subject to change.

**This is the distinct number of clients, i.e., if the clients applied in different years they will appear in all years; but will be counted once in the total.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada does not report on internal processing notes or details regarding cases that may have been flagged for additional review or screening. The specific breakdowns requested, such as counts of applications subject to additional review for particular reasons or cases later determined ineligible under the Temporary Public Policy, are not available. Generating this level of detail would require a manual review of individual case files, which is beyond the scope of standard reporting and could compromise client privacy. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada is legislated to protect the privacy of applicants in accordance with the *Privacy Act*, a federal law that governs how all federal government institutions handle personal information.