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SE23-050 - Date range for unauthorised maritime arrivals who were subject to the TPV/SHEV Framework

Senator Nick McKim asked:

Mr Pezzullo: There are those who arrived before 19 July 2013 and those who arrived after 19 July 2013. Those are the two macro-subcategories of what I call the 50,000 group.

Senator McKIM: And the 31,000 are those who arrived before?

Mr Pezzullo: That is a sub-element.

Senator McKIM: And they are the people who arrived before July 2013 by boat? Mr Pezzullo: No, after. The 31,000 number is after.

Mr Kiley: It is. The 31,000 are individuals who the TPV/SHEV framework, prior to the regulatory change, applies to.

Mr Pezzullo: Correct.

Mr Kiley: And that is those who arrived in the period that the secretary described. Senator McKIM: I'm sorry, but they didn't all have TPVs or SHEVs, did they? Mr Kiley: No, they are those who were subject to the TPV/SHEV framework and arrived in the date periods that the secretary described.

Senator McKIM: Sorry. What are those date periods, just so we're all clear? Mr Kiley: It is those periods leading up to the implementation of regional processing, where they were not taken to a regional processing country.

Senator McKIM: So this is people who arrived pre July 2013?

Mr Kiley: I'll have to take on notice the exact date range. I'll confirm that for you on notice, Senator.

Senator McKIM: Of those 31,000, the announcement today captures how many?

Answer:

The Unauthorised Maritime Arrival (UMA) legacy caseload of approximately 31,000 people broadly describes individuals who arrived irregularly by boat between 2008 and 2014 and who did not have a finalised protection visa application before 19 July 2013 and were not taken to a regional processing country.

The response to SE23-034 quantifies the cohorts who may be eligible for the permanent Resolution of Status visa.