

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES
 FEBRUARY 2025**

**Home Affairs Portfolio
 Department of Home Affairs**

Program 2.3: Refugee Humanitarian, Settlement and Migrant Services

AE25-336 - Immigration detention - Protection or refugee or humanitarian visas

Senator David Shoebridge asked:

How many persons are currently:

- a) in held detention;
- b) in held detention; and who have previously applied for a protection visa or previously held a refugee or humanitarian visa has an active removals service (broken down by category)? What is/was the duration of their detention, if any (broken down by years and by category)?
- c) in the community on residence determination;
- d) in the community on residence determination; and who have previously applied for a protection visa or previously held a refugee or humanitarian visa has an active removals service (broken down by category)? What is/was the duration of their detention, if any (broken down by years and by category)?

Answer:

As at 31 December 2024:

- a) There were 979 individuals in held immigration detention.
- b)

Individuals in held immigration detention who previously applied for a Protection visa or held a Protection or Humanitarian visa with an active removals service by cumulative time in detention

Time in detention	Applied for Protection visa*	Previously held Humanitarian visa*	Previously held Protection visa*	Total
0-2 years	129	<10	<5	139
2-5 years	45	<10	<5	56
5-10 years	<40	12	0	<50
Over 10 years	<5	0	0	<5
Total	214	<35	<5	247

**Categories are not mutually exclusive. Individuals who previously held a Humanitarian visa may also have applied for a Protection visa.*

c) There were 155 individuals in the community under a residence determination.

d)

Individuals in residence determination arrangements who previously applied for a Protection visa or held a Protection or Humanitarian visa with an active removals service by cumulative time in detention

Time in Detention	Applied PV*	Previously held a Humanitarian visa*	Total
0-2 years	<5	0	<5
2-5 years	<5	0	<5
5-10 years	<10	<5	<10
Over 10 years	<5	0	<5
Total	10	<5	<15

**Categories are not mutually exclusive. Detainees who previously held a Humanitarian visa may also have applied for a Protection visa.*