

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES
MARCH / APRIL 2022**

**Home Affairs Portfolio
Department of Home Affairs**

Program 2.4: IMA Offshore Management

BE22-097 - Medical Transfers and Transitory Persons in Australia - transitory persons medical transfer

Senator Nick McKim asked:

Please provide the Committee with an update of the information provided in the following response to a previous Question on Notice:

SE21-227 - Medical Transfers and Transitory Persons in Australia - transitory persons medical transfer

Please provide:

- a) The total number of transitory persons whose medical transfer has been approved and who remain in PNG.
- b) The total number of transitory persons whose medical transfer has been approved and who remain in Nauru.
- i) The number of people approved by the Minister who have not been cleared to travel to Australia by the Overseas Medical Referral Process of Nauru?
- ii) What is the expected time frame for them to be transferred to Australia?

Answer:

- a) Australia ended its regional processing association with the Government of PNG on 31 December 2021. Individuals remaining in PNG are under the independent management of the Government of PNG and no longer form part of the regional processing caseload. The Department therefore does not monitor or report on these individuals, except as it relates to outcomes under the United States resettlement arrangement.
- b) As at 31 January 2022, no transitory persons whose medical transfer to Australia was approved remained in Nauru.
 - i. Zero
 - ii. Not applicable