

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES
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**Home Affairs Portfolio
Department of Home Affairs**

Program 2.3: Refugee Humanitarian, Settlement and Migrant Services

SE23-516 - Legacy Caseload and Onshore Asylum - How many people

Senator Nick McKim asked:

How many people in the Legacy Caseload are in Australia?

a. Please break down by year of arrival to Australia or birth in Australia, by country of origin, current visa status, and by state/territory of residence.

b. Of this cohort, how many:

i. are awaiting an initial decision?

ii. are at merits review stage?

iii. are TPV/SHEV holders?

iv. were rejected for a TPV/SHEV, but remain in Australia?

v. are awaiting processing of a reapplication?

vi. have missed a TPV/ SHEV reapplication deadline?

Answer:

As at 8 February 2023, there were 28,350 Legacy Caseload Unauthorised Maritime Arrival (UMAs) persons in Australia.

a. The following tables break down these UMAs by:

(i) year of arrival to Australia or birth in Australia;

(ii) by country of origin;

(iii) current visa status, and;

(iv) state/territory of residence.

(i) Year of UMA initial arrival/ birth in Australia

Arrival Year	Total
Prior to 1 July 2010	326
2010-2011	379
2011-2012	1849
2012-2013	19626
2013-2014	3875
Post 30 June 2014	295
Born onshore	2000
Grand Total	28350

(ii) Top 10 UMA citizenships currently in Australia

Citizenship	Total
Iran	8535
Sri Lanka	5183
Afghanistan	4618
Stateless	2558
Pakistan	1855
Iraq	1435
Vietnam	618
Bangladesh	528
Sudan	349
Somalia	289
Other	2382
Total	28350

(iii) Current visa status of UMAs in Australia

Current visa status	Total
Onshore - Lawful	25960
Onshore - Unlawful	2390
Grand Total	28350

(iv) Current residential state of UMAs in Australia

State	Total
ACT	429
NSW	9237
NT	77
QLD	2736
SA	1997
TAS	64
VIC	10819
WA	1380
Other	1611
Grand Total	28350

b. Of this cohort of UMAs in Australia:

- (i) 1,469 persons were awaiting an initial TPV/SHEV decision
- (ii) 604 persons were at the merits review stage
- (iii) 18,440 persons were TPV/SHEV holders
- (iv) 7,834 persons were refused a TPV/ SHEV and were in Australia.
- (v) 10,551 persons were awaiting processing of a further TPV/SHEV application
- (vi) 625 persons missed a TPV/SHEV further application deadline (as at 10 March 2023).