

Question on notice no. 224

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2017-18 Supplementary budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Immigration and Border Protection Portfolio

Senator the Hon. Kim Carr: asked the Department of Immigration and Border Protection on 23 October 2017—

1. Please detail the number of people who failed to lodge their claims for protection prior to the 1 October deadline by State or Territory, nationality, age and gender
2. Please detail the additional resourcing the Department has put in place to process the claims lodged prior to the 1 October deadline including the total cost, number of additional staffing positions and where those resources have been redirected from

Answer —

1. Of the 71 illegal maritime arrivals who did not lodge a Temporary Protection visa (TPV or Safe Haven Enterprise visa (SHEV) before 1 October:
 - 25 were in NSW, 18 were in Queensland, 11 were in Victoria, nine were in South Australia, five were in Western Australia and three did not have a recorded location.
 - 34 are from Vietnam, 18 from Iran, eight from Sri Lanka, there were less than five IMAs from each of the following countries:
 - o Iraq
 - o Afghanistan
 - o Pakistan
 - o Bangladesh
 - o Palestinian Authority claims stateless
 - 65 are aged between 18 to 39 and the remaining six are between 40 to 55.
 - 65 are male and the remaining six are female.
2. During October 2017, a number of staff were redeployed/re-tasked from undertaking illegal maritime arrival (IMA) application registration work, which is now complete. These officers are now undertaking preliminary assessment activity for the IMA legacy caseload. Gazetted recruitment rounds have been initiated by the Department and, once finalised, will be used to increase the resources dedicated to IMA legacy caseload processing and protection assessment capability generally. The precise number of officers that will be on-boarded through these recruitment rounds is yet to be settled. The costs of additional staffing from these rounds will be absorbed by the Department.