

Question on notice no. 285

Portfolio question number: AE21-285

2020-21 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Stirling Griff: asked the Australian Border Force on 22 March 2021—

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Of these:

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- b. How many are currently in an Alternative Place of Detention (broken down by State/Territory) ?
- c. How many are currently under a Residence Determination and in ?community detention? (broken down by State/Territory) ?
- d. How many are currently residing in the community on a Bridging visa? (broken down by State/Territory) ?
- e. How many are unlawful and living in the Australian community without a valid visa (broken down by State/Territory) ?

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Answer:

As at 31 January 2021, there are 1,161 people who were transferred to a regional processing country since 19 July 2013 currently in Australia.

Of these:

- a. 111 people were in an Immigration Detention Centre (IDC) or Immigration Transit Accommodation (ITA)

State/Territory	Total
New South Wales	28
Victoria	26
Queensland	44
South Australia	<15
Western Australia	<5
Northern Territory	0
TOTAL	111

b. 96 people were in an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD)

State/Territory	Total
New South Wales	0
Victoria	13
Queensland	68
South Australia	0
Western Australia	0
Northern Territory	15
TOTAL	96

c. 430 people were in the community under Residence Determination

State/Territory	TOTAL
New South Wales	62
Victoria	206
Queensland	137
South Australia	16
Western Australia	9
Northern Territory	0
TOTAL	430

d. 439 people were in the community on a Bridging visa E (BVE)

State/Territory	Total
New South Wales	131
Victoria	124
Queensland	114
South Australia	47
Western Australia	16
Australian Capital Territory	7
TOTAL	439

- e. 16 people were unlawful and living in the Australian community without a valid visa

State/Territory	TOTAL
New South Wales	<5
Victoria	9
Queensland	<5
South Australia	<5
Western Australia	<5
Northern Territory	0
TOTAL	16