

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—

How many people who were transferred to a regional processing country on or after 19 July 2013 are currently in Australia?

Of these:

- a. How many are currently in an Immigration Detention Centre/Facility or Immigration Transit Accommodation (not Alternative Place of Detention) (broken down by State/Territory) ?
- 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.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 1.3: Onshore Compliance and Detention
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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 |