

Question on notice no. 287

Portfolio question number: AE21-287

2020-21 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Stirling Griff: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 22 March 2021—

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Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Answer:

As at 31 January 2021:

- a) Zero
- b) Eight
 - i. Zero. Under s198B of the Migration Act the Department holds the transfer delegation.
 - ii. Transfer timeframes are determined by clinical advice of treating doctors and Medical Officers of the Commonwealth.