

**Question on notice no. 295**

**Portfolio question number: AE21-295**

**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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- a. How many people have applied for US resettlement.
- b. How many people have resettled to the US, broken down by country of departure.
- c. How many people have been accepted and are awaiting departure.
- d. Has the Department been advised by the US government how many people are pending a decision and, if so, what is that number?
- e. Has the US government advised how many people have received a negative outcome and, if so, what is that number?
- f. Has the US government advised how many people have withdrawn from the process and, if so, what is that number?
- g. Has the Department been advised by the US government how many have had their case closed for any other reason and, if so, what is that number?

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
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**Home Affairs Portfolio  
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**Program 1.3: Onshore Compliance and Detention**

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*Answer:*

As at 31 January 2021:

- a. Approximately 1,900 individuals had expressed interest in the United States (US) resettlement. This includes those who have already resettled in the US.
- b. Nine hundred and thirteen (913).

From Nauru	From PNG	From Australia	TOTAL
391	411	111	913

- c. Approximately 265 individuals.
- d. Details regarding the number of individuals who are pending a decision is a matter for the US Government.
- e. Details regarding the number of individuals receiving a negative outcome is a matter for the US Government.
- f. Details regarding the number of individuals who have withdrawn from the process is a matter for the US Government.
- g. Details regarding the number of individuals whose cases are closed is a matter for the US Government.