

Question on notice no. 296

Portfolio question number: AE21-296

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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- c. who are currently not in any process for resettlement to a third country.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Answer:

The Department does not hold information on the total number of individuals involved in third country resettlement processes.

In relation to the US resettlement process, as at 31 January 2021 there were approximately 265 individuals who had received a provisional positive outcome but had not yet departed.

| | Nauru | PNG | Australia | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Provisional positive outcome* | 15 | 15 | 235 | 265 |

**Approximate figures, actual numbers are a matter for the US Government.*

While notification of a provisional approval outcome is an indicator of departure, various factors, including final medical and security screening and individual agreement to voluntarily depart, can influence the result.