

Question on notice no. 363

Portfolio question number: AE21-363

2020-21 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 22 March 2021—

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- iii. to where; and
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Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 1.4: IMA Offshore Management

**AE21-363 - Recent transfers to Australia of detainees from offshore IDCs - update
to previous QoN**

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Answer:

Between 1 July 2020 and 31 January 2021, 45 transitory persons were temporarily transferred from a regional processing country to Australia under section 198B of the Migration Act 1958.

- i. Transfers occurred in July 2020, September 2020, December 2020 and January 2021.
- ii. All transfers were from Nauru to Australia.
- iii. More than 30 transitory persons were transferred to the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre, less than five transferred to the Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation and less than 15 transferred to the Northern Territory Alternative Place of Detention.
- iv. All transfers were for medical treatment not available in Nauru.