

Question on notice no. 374

Portfolio question number: AE21-374

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—

What is the current number of people being detained by the Australian Government in Papua New Guinea, and what cities/towns in Papua New Guinea are they located in?

a. Please breakdown by refugees and asylum seekers without refugee status.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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AE21-374 - Detainees in Papua New Guinea

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Answer:

No person under regional processing arrangements in Papua New Guinea (PNG) is detained. The majority of transferees reside in Port Moresby, with a small number living in Goroka.

As at 31 January 2021, 137 individuals were residing in PNG under regional processing arrangements, comprising 95 refugees and 42 failed asylum seekers.