

Question on notice no. 471

Portfolio question number: AE21-471

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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i. How many have been successfully appealed?

ii. How many have been removed from Australia?

iii. Please break down by nationality.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Answer:

As at 31 January 2021, 70 persons have been found to be an 'excluded fast track review applicant' and did not have access to merits review of the decision to refuse their Protection visa application by the IAA (Immigration Assessment Authority) or the AAT (Administration Appeals Tribunal). They have access to judicial review.

Excluded fast track review applicants by Citizenship

Citizenship	Total
Afghanistan	22
Iran	7
Iraq	11
Pakistan	6
Sri Lanka	12
Other	12
Total	70

These persons were found to be a 'excluded fast track review applicant' under the following provisions of the *Migration Act 1958*:

Provision	Total
s5(a)(i) - Covered by s91C or s91N	7
s5(a)(ii) - Previously in Australia & previous protection visa application refused or withdrawn	<5
s5(a)(iii) - Protection claims refused by a country other than Australia	21
s5(a)(vi) - Bogus document	38
s5(aa) - Manifestly unfounded claim	<5
Total	70

Of the total, 63 persons applied for judicial review. 13 have successfully appealed the refusal decision at judicial review.

Of the total, 7 persons are not in Australia as at 31 January 2021.

Excluded fast track review applicants not in Australia by Citizenship

Citizenship	Total
Afghanistan	<5
Pakistan	<5
Sri Lanka	<5
Grand Total	7