

**Question on notice no. 434**

**Portfolio question number: BE21-434**

**2021-22 Budget estimates**

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio**

**Senator Nick McKim:** asked the Department of Home Affairs on 11 June 2021—

PNG How many refugees and people who sought asylum in Australia have been transferred from Nauru or Papua New Guinea to Australia this financial year?

a. Please provide a breakdown of (AE21-363) :

- i. When;
- ii. From where;
- iii. To where; and
- iv. Why?

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
BUDGET ESTIMATES  
24-25 MAY 2021**

**Home Affairs Portfolio  
Department of Home Affairs**

**Program 1.5: Regional Cooperation**

**BE21-434 - Recent transfers to Australia of detainees from offshore IDCs -  
update to previous QoN**

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- a. Please provide a breakdown of (AE21-363):
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  - ii. From where;
  - iii. To where; and
  - iv. Why?

*Answer:*

Between 1 July 2020 and 30 April 2021, 58 transitory persons transferred from a regional processing country to Australia for a temporary purpose under section 198B of the *Migration Act 1958*.

- i. July 2020 (<five), September 2020 (25), December 2020 (<five), January 2021 (18) and February 2021(13).
- ii. Nauru.
- iii. Less than five transferred to the Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation, less than 15 transferred to the Northern Alternative Place of Detention and 46 transferred to the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre.
- iv. Less than 60 transferred for medical purposes and less than five transferred as accompanying family.