

Question on notice no. 232

Portfolio question number: SE21-232

2021-22 Supplementary Budget Estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Stirling Griff: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 9 November 2021

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Answer —

Please see attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 2.4: IMA Offshore Management

SE21-232 - Medical Transfers and Transitory Persons in Australia - Under Medevac

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Answer:

Between 2 March 2019 and 5 December 2019, 192 transitory persons were brought to Australia under the now repealed medevac provisions (section 198C of the *Migration Act 1958*). As at 31 August 2021, 156 transitory persons remain in Australia.

Table: Transitory persons brought to Australia under Medevac provisions by state as at 31 August 2021

Location	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	NT	Total
Held Detention	<5	26	10	<5	<5	0	41
In the Community under a Residence Determination	0	<15	5	<5	0	0	20
In the community on BVE in effect	15	43	30	<5	<5	<5	<95
In the Community on an expired BVE	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5
Total	<20	83	45	7	<5	<5	156