

Question on notice no. 110

Portfolio question number: AE22-110

2021-22 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 14 February 2022

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visas cancelled en route to Australia or upon arrival turned around:

- a. Afghanistan;
- b. Sudan;
- c. South Sudan;
- d. Myanmar;
- e. Ethiopia;
- f. Saudi Arabia (please break down between men and women) ;
- g. other Gulf states; and
- h. Papua New Guinea?

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 2.2: Visas

AE22-110 - Visa cancellations - by country

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Answer:

The Department does not record data on visas cancelled while a person is en route to Australia. The refused immigration clearance data below includes, but is not limited to, cancellations made at the border.

Refused Immigration Clearance on Arrival: 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021

| PASSPORT COUNTRY | TOTAL: |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| AFGHANISTAN | <15 |
| ETHIOPIA | <5 |
| MYANMAR | 21 |
| PAPUA NEW GUINEA | 357 |
| SAUDI ARABIA* | 10 |
| SUDAN | <15 |
| OTHER GULF STATES** | <5 |
| TOTAL | 427 |

*This cohort consists of males only

**For the purposes of this reporting 'other Gulf states' are Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates

Note: There were no refused immigration clearance records for citizens of Bahrain, Oman, South Sudan or Qatar.