

Question on notice no. 115

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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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Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 2.3: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

AE22-115 - Evacuated Afghan citizen figures

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Answer:

The Australian Government has evacuated a total of 6,205 people from Afghanistan since 20 August 2021 (as at 31 January 2022). This includes 3,718 from Kabul in the initial evacuation up to 8 September 2021 and a further 2,487 post evacuation. This includes the following visa holders:

Table 1: Breakdown of Afghanistan evacuee arrivals as at 31 January 2022

Evacuation Phase	Duration	Visa Subclass					Total
		Refugee 200, 201, 202, 203, 204	Other Permanent	Humanitarian Stay 449	Other Temporary	Australian Citizen	
Initial	20 August 2021 to 8 September 2021	261	191	2,668	196	402	3,718
Post	9 September 2021 to 31 January 2022	195	8	2,259	10	15	2,487
Grand Total		456	199	4,927	206	417	6,205

a. Home Affairs does not record the specific roles and relationships that individuals may have had with the Australian Government.

Caveats:

- Table 1 may exclude Australian Citizens, other visa types including Community Support Program clients [202 visas], flight crew who exited at the same or another port, and those transiting to other locations.
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