

**Question on notice no. 115**

**Portfolio question number: AE22-115**

**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**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES**  
**14 FEBRUARY 2022**

**Home Affairs Portfolio**  
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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*

|                    |                                     | Visa Subclass                   |                 |                       |                 |                    | Total |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------|
| Evacuation Phase   | Duration                            | Refugee 200, 201, 202, 203, 204 | Other Permanent | Humanitarian Stay 449 | Other Temporary | Australian Citizen |       |
| <b>Initial</b>     | 20 August 2021 to 8 September 2021  | 261                             | 191             | 2,668                 | 196             | 402                | 3,718 |
| <b>Post</b>        | 9 September 2021 to 31 January 2022 | 195                             | 8               | 2,259                 | 10              | 15                 | 2,487 |
| <b>Grand Total</b> |                                     | 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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