

**Question on notice no. 154**

**Portfolio question number: AE22-154**

**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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Department of Home Affairs**

**Program 2.4: IMA Offshore Management**

**AE22-154 - Nauru- Number of assisted voluntary returns of Australia's offshore processing cohort**

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*Answer:*

Between 2012 and 31 December 2021, 111 transferees had departed Nauru voluntarily and returned to their country of origin, 13 of which were recognised as refugees by the Government of Nauru.

Note: Figures exclude voluntary returns to their country of origin from Australia.

Note: Figures exclude returns to a third country not being their country of origin.