

Question on notice no. 159

Portfolio question number: AE22-159

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 2.4: IMA Offshore Management

AE22-159 - Third-country resettlement - Detainees in PNG or Nauru are still awaiting a permanent resettlement solution

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Answer:

While the Department is aware that a number of individuals in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Nauru are pursuing third country resettlement outside of the United States (US) resettlement arrangement, as these processes are not facilitated under an arrangement with Australia, the Department does not hold definitive numbers of individuals engaged.

In relation to the US resettlement process, as at 31 December 2021, approximately 75* individuals in Nauru and PNG were engaged in US resettlement.

**Approximate figures, actual numbers are a matter for the US Government.*