

Question on notice no. 264

Portfolio question number: AE22-264

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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How many asylum seekers or refugees (excluding transitory persons) are residing in the community on an expired Bridging E visa awaiting re-grant?

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 3.5: Onshore Compliance and Detention

AE22-264 - Expired Bridging E visas - awaiting re-grant

Senator Nick McKim asked:

How many asylum seekers or refugees (excluding transitory persons) are residing in the community on an expired Bridging E visa awaiting re-grant?

Answer:

As at 31 December 2021, there were **2,352** Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMA) (excluding transitory persons) who had applied for a protection visa and whose Bridging E visa had ceased.

Note: The Department does not keep statistics in a reportable form for non-IMA asylum seekers whose Bridging E visa has ceased.