

Question on notice no. 276

Portfolio question number: AE22-276

2021-22 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Stirling Griff: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 14 February 2022

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- d. Who are currently in a detention facility.
- e. Who are under a residence determination.
- f. Who have been found to be refugees.
- g. Who have been found to be owed complementary/subsidiary protection.
- h. Who have returned to their country of origin, broken down by voluntary and involuntary.
- i. Who have been resettled to a third country (broken down by destination country) .
- j. Who remain in a regional processing country.
- k. Who are deceased.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 3.5: Onshore Compliance and Detention

**AE22-276 - Medical transfers and transitory persons in Australia - asylum-seekers
- after 19 July 2013**

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Answer:

As at 31 December 2021, of the illegal maritime arrivals taken to a regional processing country on or after 19 July 2013:

Note: Information is based on the regional processing country a person was initially transferred to and does not reflect transfers between Nauru and PNG or returns from Australia to a different regional processing country.

- a. 1,116 transitory persons were temporarily in Australia.
- b. 510 transitory persons were on an Australian Subclass 050 (Bridging E) visa, <65 transitory persons were on a Subclass 790 (Safe Haven Enterprise) visa and less than five transitory persons were on a Subclass 785 (Temporary Protection) visa.
- c. 20 transitory persons were in the Australian community without a visa, having held an expired Subclass 050 (Bridging E) visa and were awaiting consideration of the grant of a further Bridging E visa.
- d. 67 transitory persons were in an immigration detention facility (including alternative places of detention).
- e. 450 transitory persons were in the Australian community under a residence determination.

f. 2,111 transitory persons were found to be refugees under the laws and processes of the respective regional processing country.

g. This information is not known to the Department and is a matter for the respective regional processing country.

h. 750 transitory persons returned to their country of origin, with the following table breaking returns down by voluntary/involuntary nature and citizenship.

| Citizenship | Voluntary Returns | Involuntary Returns | Total |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Iran | <475 | <5 | 473 |
| Iraq | 79 | 0 | 79 |
| Bangladesh | 44 | 13 | 57 |
| Lebanon | <45 | <5 | 45 |
| Nepal | <20 | <5 | 21 |
| Pakistan | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| Sri Lanka | <15 | <5 | 15 |
| Sudan | 14 | 0 | 14 |
| India | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| Somalia | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Myanmar | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Afghanistan | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Syria | <5 | 0 | <5 |
| Egypt | <5 | 0 | <5 |
| Vietnam | <5 | 0 | <5 |
| Turkey | <5 | 0 | <5 |
| Algeria | <5 | 0 | <5 |
| Jordan | <5 | 0 | <5 |
| Albania | <5 | 0 | <5 |
| Total | 750 | 20 | 770 |

i. 1,004 transitory persons have resettled in a third country.

- 958 resettled in the United States;
- 7 resettled in Cambodia; and
- 39 resettled in other third countries.

Note: Other resettlement outcomes are not facilitated by the Department of Home Affairs.

j. 114 transitory persons were in Nauru and 105 individuals were in PNG.

k. 15 transitory persons have passed away.