

**Question on notice no. 280**

**Portfolio question number: AE22-280**

**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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**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES  
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**Home Affairs Portfolio  
Department of Home Affairs**

**Program 3.5: Onshore Compliance and Detention**

**AE22-280 - Medical transfers and transitory persons in Australia - recommended  
for transfer under medevac**

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*Answer:*

Since the repeal of the medevac provisions, between 5 December 2019 and 31 December 2021:

- 106 transitory persons were transferred from Nauru or Papua New Guinea to Australia for a temporary purpose under section 198B of the *Migration Act 1958*.
  - 42 of the 106 transitory persons were previously assessed and recommended for transfer under the now repealed medevac provisions.