

Question on notice no. 55

Portfolio question number: AE22-055

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.

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Answer:

As at 31 December 2021 there were less than 90 persons detained on Christmas Island who have previously held a protection or a humanitarian visa. All of these persons have received an adverse s501 outcome. The table below provides a breakdown of the previously held protection and humanitarian visa subclasses. All individuals within the group were detained under s189(3) of the *Migration Act 1958*.

Detainees on Christmas Island who previously held a protection visa or a humanitarian visa as at 31 December 2021	
Visa subclass	Count
Humanitarian - 200	32
Humanitarian - 202	32
Humanitarian - 204	7
Protection - 785	<5
Protection - 790	<5
Protection - 866	13
Total	<90