

**Question on notice no. 73**

**Portfolio question number: BE22-073**

**2022-23 Budget estimates**

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio**

**Senator Nick McKim:** asked the Department of Home Affairs on 19 April 2022—

What is the current number of:

- a. Australia's offshore processing cohort of refugees, and where in PNG are they located; and
- b. Australia's offshore processing cohort of failed asylum seekers, and where in PNG are they located?

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

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

**Program 2.4: IMA Offshore Management**

**BE22-073 - IMA Offshore Management - Papua New Guinea**

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- b. Australia's offshore processing cohort of failed asylum seekers, and where in PNG are they located?

*Answer:*

Regional processing arrangements ended in Papua New Guinea (PNG) on 31 December 2021, at which time 105 individuals (74 refugees and 31 failed asylum seekers) remained in PNG under the PNG Government's independent management. As Australia's role in regional processing arrangements in PNG has ended, the population is no longer monitored or reported by the Department, with the exception that Australia will continue to update resettlement departures to the United States from PNG.