

Question on notice no. 75

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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—

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Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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BE22-075 - IMA Offshore Management - Third-country resettlement

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Answer:

While the Department is aware that a number of individuals in Nauru and Australia are pursuing third country resettlement outside Australian-facilitated arrangements, as those processes are not facilitated by Australia, the Department does not hold definitive numbers of individuals engaged.

In relation to the US resettlement process, as at 31 January 2022:

- Approximately 430* individuals in Nauru (35), Papua New Guinea (PNG) (40) and temporarily in Australia (355) were engaged in US resettlement.
 - o Of the approximately 355 individuals temporarily in Australia engaged in US resettlement, 310 were from Nauru and 45 were from PNG.

Note: *Approximate figures, as actual numbers are a matter for the US Government.

Note: The US resettlement arrangement is a voluntary arrangement and individuals can opt in and out at their choosing, therefore numbers are indicative only.