

Question on notice no. 80

Portfolio question number: BE22-080

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—

Please provide the Committee with an update of the information provided in the following response to a previous Question on Notice:

BE20-338 - Transitory persons in Australia - Offshore Processing Policy

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 2.4: IMA Offshore Management

BE22-080 - Transitory persons in Australia - Offshore Processing Policy

Senator Nick McKim asked:

Please provide the Committee with an update of the information provided in the following response to a previous Question on Notice:

BE20-338 - Transitory persons in Australia - Offshore Processing Policy

In relation to transitory persons in Australia who are subject to the offshore processing policy, please provide:

- a. The number of people who have been recognised as refugees by the Government of Nauru (or otherwise recognised as people in respect of whom Nauru has non-refoulement obligations);
- b. The number of people who have been recognised as refugees by the Government of Papua New Guinea;
- c. The number of people who have been issued positive Deportation Risk Assessments by the Government of Papua New Guinea (or otherwise recognised as people in respect of whom Papua New Guinea has non-refoulement obligations);
- d. The number of people who are still in the refugee status determination process in Nauru or Papua New Guinea; and
- e. The number of people who have not had their protection status assessed by the Government of Nauru or the Government of Papua New Guinea.

Answer:

As at 31 January 2022:

- a. 898 transitory persons temporarily in Australia were recognised as refugees by the Government of Nauru.
- b. 159 transitory persons temporarily in Australia were recognised as refugees by the Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG).
- c. The number of transitory persons issued a positive Deportation Risk Assessment by the Government of PNG is a matter for the Government of PNG.
- d. 25 transitory persons in Australia were yet to have their refugee status finally determined by the Government of Nauru.
- e. There are 18 transitory persons temporarily in Australia who have not had their protection status assessed by a regional processing country.