

**Question on notice no. 91**

**Portfolio question number: BE22-091**

**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:

SE21-221 - Medical Transfers and Transitory Persons in Australia - IMAs

Transferred

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

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

**Program 2.4: IMA Offshore Management**

**BE22-091 - Medical Transfers and Transitory Persons in Australia - IMAs  
Transferred**

Senator Nick McKim asked:

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

SE21-221 - Medical Transfers and Transitory Persons in Australia - IMAs Transferred

Of the total 4,183 irregular maritime arrivals transferred to a regional processing country, please provide the current number of people:

- who were returned to Australia
- who have been transferred to Australia.
- who remain in Papua New Guinea and Nauru.
- who are residing in a third country.
- who have returned to their country of origin.
- who are deceased.

*Answer:*

Of the 4,183 unauthorised maritime arrivals taken to a regional processing country since 1 August 2012, and as at 31 January 2022:

- 866 were in Australia (returned as part of the pre-19 July 2013 cohort following the signing of the Regional Resettlement Arrangement with Papua New Guinea)
- 1,115 were in Australia (having arrived on or after 19 July 2013)
- 112 were in a Nauru
  - o As at 31 December 2021, 105 individuals were in PNG
- 1,009 were resettled in a third country
- 953 were returned or removed to their country of origin
- 20 were deceased.

Note: Excludes less than five unauthorised maritime arrivals who voluntarily returned to a third country, not their home country.

Note: Australia ended its regional processing association with the Government of PNG on 31 December 2021. Individuals remaining in PNG after 31 December 2021 are under the independent management of the Government of PNG and no longer form part of the regional processing caseload. The Department does not monitor or report on these individuals, except as it relates to outcomes under the United States resettlement arrangement.