

Question on notice no. 98

Portfolio question number: BE22-098

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:

SE21-228 - Medical Transfers and Transitory Persons in Australia - Since repeal of Medivac

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 2.4: IMA Offshore Management

**BE22-098 - Medical Transfers and Transitory Persons in Australia - Since repeal
of Medivac**

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:

SE21-228 - Medical Transfers and Transitory Persons in Australia - Since repeal of Medivac

Since the repeal of medivac, how many individuals have been transferred to Australia from:

- Nauru
- PNG

Of these, how many were assessed and recommended for transfer under medivac?

Answer:

Since the repeal of the medevac provisions, between 5 December 2019 and 31 January 2022:

- 106 transitory persons were transferred to Australia for a temporary purpose under section 198B of the Migration Act 1958.
 - From Nauru (94)
 - From Papua New Guinea (12)
- 42 of the 106 transitory persons were previously assessed and recommended for transfer under the now repealed medevac provisions.

Note: Australia's regional processing association in Papua New Guinea (PNG) ended on 31 December 2021 and individuals remaining in PNG are under the independent management of the Government of PNG. Accordingly, medical transfers from PNG to Australia will not occur after 31 December 2021.