

Question on notice no. 142

Portfolio question number: AE18/147

2017-18 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator the Hon. Kim Carr: asked the Australian Border Force on 26 February 2018—

1. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees have been transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia for medical assistance for the past five financial years.
2. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees have been transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia because a family member was receiving medical assistance for the past five financial years.
3. Please outline how many children have been transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia for medical assistance for the past five financial years.
4. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees have been transferred from Nauru to Australia for pregnancy terminations for the past five financial years.
5. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees have been transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia for medical assistance for the past five financial years.
6. Please outline how many people are on the waiting list for medical transfer requests from Nauru.
7. Please outline how many people are on the waiting list for medical transfer requests from Manus Island.
8. Please outline how many people have been denied medical transfer requests from Nauru for the past five financial years.
9. Please outline how many people have been denied medical transfer requests from Manus Island for the past five financial years.
10. Please detail if the Overseas Medical Referral process is still operating on Nauru and, if not, on which date did it cease.
11. Please detail the Departments role in Medical Transfers of refugees from Nauru.
12. Is it Departmental policy for parents undergoing a medical transfer to leave their children on Manus or Nauru?

Answer —

1. Total Asylum Seekers or Refugees Transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia for Medical Assistance for the Past Five Financial years

Financial Year	Manus	Nauru	Total
2016-2017	11	29	40
2015-2016	10	31	41
2014-2015	55	199	254

2013-2014	25	69	94
2012-2013	21	31	52
Total	126	368	494

2. Total Asylum Seekers or Refugees Transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia for Medical Assistance for the Past Five Financial years – Accompanying Family Member

Financial Year	Manus	Nauru	Total
2016-2017	0	10	10
2015-2016	0	21	21
2014-2015	0	211	211
2013-2014	0	57	57
2012-2013	17	0	17
Total	17	305	322

3. Total Number of Children Transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia for Medical Assistance for the Past Five Financial Years

Financial Year	Manus	Nauru	Total
2016-2017	0	6	6
2015-2016	0	4	4
2014-2015	0	14	14
2013-2014	0	4	4
2012-2013	1	0	1
Total	1	30	31

4. Total Asylum Seekers or Refugees Transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia for Termination of Pregnancy (TOPs) for the Past Five Financial years

Financial Year	Manus	Nauru	Total
2016-2017	0	8	8
2015-2016	0	6	6
2014-2015	0	1	1
2013-2014	0	6	6
Total	0	24	24

*Note the above TOP figures include persons who did not terminate the pregnancy once in Australia.

5. Duplicate of question 1.

6. The Department maintains a list of operational details for possible future transfers from Nauru. As at 26 February 2018, there were seven (7) people on that list.

7. The Department maintains a list of operational details for possible future transfers from Manus Island. As at 28 February 2018, there were thirty (30) people on that list.
8. The Department's delegate has not declined any recommended medical transfers from Nauru over the past five years.
9. The Department's delegate has not declined any recommended medical transfers from Manus over the past five years.
10. The Overseas Medical Referral (OMR) process is still operating on Nauru.
11. The Government of Nauru has overall responsibility for refugees.
12. No.