

Question on notice no. 475

Portfolio question number: SE23-475

2022-23 Supplementary Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 13 February 2023

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For the last five years, please provide the number of persons in detention (who have previously been found to be owed protection obligations or who arrived in Australia as refugees or humanitarian entrants) in respect of whom the Minister has granted a visa under s 195A.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 2.3: Refugee Humanitarian, Settlement and Migrant Services

SE23-475 - Visa Cancellation and Detention - Minister granted Visa under s195A

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Answer:

The table below provides the number of persons (who have previously been found to be owed protection obligations or who arrived in Australia as refugees or humanitarian entrants) and subsequently were released from immigration detention¹ through the grant of a visa under section 195A of the Act.

Visas granted under section 195A

Financial Year	Total²
2017-18	<5
2018-19	<5
2019-20	<5
2020-21	<5
2021-22	<5
2022-23 ³	<5

¹ It is possible that some of the individuals released from detention following a section 195A visa grant may have had a subsequent visa cancellation and been re-detained.

² This information does not include persons that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) may have found to be refugees outside of Australia.

³ As at 31 December 2022.