

**Question on notice no. 853**

**Portfolio question number: OSE23-853**

**2023-24 Supplementary Budget estimates**

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio**

**Senator Nick McKim:** asked the Department of Home Affairs on 23 October 2023—

Since the repeal of the medevac provisions on 5 December 2019, how many individuals have been transferred to Australia from PNG and Nauru?

a. Of these, how many were assessed and recommended for transfer under medivac (please break down by year) ?

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES  
OCTOBER 2023**

**Home Affairs Portfolio  
Department of Home Affairs**

**Program 2.4: UMA Offshore Management**

**OSE23-853 - Transitory Persons - Repeal of Medevac Provisions**

Senator Nick McKim asked:

Since the repeal of the medevac provisions on 5 December 2019, how many individuals have been transferred to Australia from PNG and Nauru?

a. Of these, how many were assessed and recommended for transfer under medevac (please break down by year)?

*Answer:*

Between 6 December 2019 and 31 October 2023, there were 176 individuals transferred to Australia from regional processing in Papua New Guinea and Nauru.

A breakdown of the number of individuals who were transferred for medical reasons is in the table below.

| <b>Number of individuals transferred from regional processing in Papua New Guinea or Nauru to Australia for medical reasons.</b> |                |                |                |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>2019-20*</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24**</b> |
| 35                                                                                                                               | 57             | <5             | 30             | 0                |

*\*figure provided is for the period 5 December 2019 to 30 June 2020 inclusive.*

*\*\*figure provided is for 30 June 2023 to 31 October 2023.*

*Note: Figures in table exclude less than 15 individuals who transferred as accompanying family and 38 who transferred to Australia for resettlement purposes.*