

Question on notice no. 93

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2018-19 Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator the Hon. Kim Carr: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 12 June 2018—

1. For the people currently in Nauru and subject to offshore processing arrangements, provide: a. Whether they are a refugee or non-refugee b. Age, gender and country of citizenship c. Current living location (eg, within the RPC, in community etc)
2. For the people who are currently in Nauru and subject to offshore processing arrangements who have left Nauru, provide the method of departure and the month of the departure, eg, Voluntary return, Involuntary
3. In relation to the 20 year Nauruan visa please provide a breakdown of the following by refugee, non-refugee, country of origin, age and gender: a. How many people have expressed interest. b. How many people have applied for the visa. c. How many people have been granted the visa
4. How many children are attending school in Nauru?
5. At June 2018, what is the cost of the monthly visa for a refugee which is paid by the Australian Government to the Nauruan Government?
6. At June 2018, what is the cost of the monthly visa for an asylum seeker or non-refugee which is paid by the Australian Government to the Nauruan Government?
7. How often does the Australian Government make visa fee payments to the Nauruan Government and do these payments continue if asylum seekers or refugees take up a 20 year visa to remain on Nauru?
8. How much in total has the Australian Government paid to the Nauruan Government in visa fees?
9. How many refugees have transferred from Manus Island to Nauru?

Answer —

1. As at 21 May 2018, there were 821 refugees, 94 transferees and 24 failed asylum seekers on Nauru. 692 people were living in the community and 247 in the Regional Processing Centre.

The Nauru population comprises 683 males and 256 females. 137 people are between 0-17 years of age and 802 in the 18-46+ age range.

Population statistics by citizenship are:

Citizenship	Total
Afghani	52
Bangladeshi	37
Cameroonian	2
Egyptian	1
Ethiopian	1
Indian	12
Indonesian	2
Iranian	329
Iraqi	42
Kuwaiti	4
Lebanese	14
Malaysian	2
Myanmarese	18
Nepalese	9
Pakistani	106
Somali	61
Sri Lankan	112
Stateless	125
Sudanese	10
Total in Nauru	939

2. From September 2012 to May 2018, there were 165 returns and nil removals from Nauru. Numbers of returns and removals by month are:

Month	Nauru Returns	Nauru Removals
September 2012	3	0
October 2012	10	0
November 2012	9	0
December 2012	19	0
January 2013	7	0
February 2013	3	0
March 2013	0	0
April 2013	0	0
May 2013	4	0
June 2013	1	0
July 2013	1	0
August 2013	1	0
September 2013	3	0
October 2013	6	0

November 2013	17	0
December 2013	1	0
January 2014	3	0
February 2014	8	0
March 2014	2	0
April 2014	6	0
May 2014	5	0
June 2014	4	0
July 2014	6	0
August 2014	7	0
September 2014	3	0
October 2014	2	0
November 2014	2	0
December 2014	0	0
January 2015	0	0
February 2015	0	0
March 2015	3	0
April 2015	2	0
May 2015	2	0
June 2015	1	0
July 2015	0	0
August 2015	1	0
September 2015	0	0
October 2015	0	0
November 2015	0	0
December 2015	1	0
January 2016	0	0
February 2016	0	0
March 2016	0	0
April 2016	0	0
May 2016	0	0
June 2016	0	0
July 2016	0	0
August 2016	0	0
September 2016	5	0
October 2016	3	0
November 2016	1	0
December 2016	0	0
January 2017	0	0
February 2017	2	0
March 2017	0	0
April 2017	1	0
May 2017	1	0
June 2017	0	0

July 2017	0	0
August 2017	0	0
September 2017	0	0
October 2017	0	0
November 2017	2	0
December 2017	2	0
January 2018	0	0
February 2018	0	0
March 2018	0	0
April 2018	5	0
May 2018	0	0
Total	165	0

3. Information relating to the Nauruan 20 year visa is a matter for the Government of Nauru. The Department of Home Affairs (the Department) does not have access to this information.

4. The number of children attending school in Nauru is a matter for the Government of Nauru. The Department does not have access to this information.

5. The cost of a refugee visa is \$2,000 per month.

6. The cost of a visa for a failed asylum seeker is \$1,000 per month.

7. Visa fees are paid to the Government of Nauru bi-annually. Visa fees will continue to be paid.

8. Providing this level of detail would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

9. As at 21 May 2018, two Papua New Guinea determined refugees voluntarily transferred to Nauru.