

Question on notice no. 94

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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 Manus 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
2. For the people who are currently in Manus Island and subject to offshore processing arrangements who have left Manus Island, provide the method of departure and the month of the departure, eg, Voluntary return, Involuntary
3. Please detail the types of support services available to refugees and non-refugees in Manus Island and the contractors engaged to provide those services. Provide a breakdown of supports provided by Papua New Guinea and Australia.

Answer —

1. As at 21 May 2018, there were 716 refugees and failed asylum seekers in Papua New Guinea (PNG):

Location	Refugees	Failed Asylum Seekers	Total
Manus	455	112	567
Port Moresby	93	20	113
PNG Community	35	1	36
Total in Manus	583	133	716

The PNG refugee and failed asylum seeker population are all male and within the 18-46+ age range.

Population statistics by citizenship are as follows:

Citizenship	Total
Afghani	105
Bangladeshi	21
Egyptian	1
Indian	5
Iranian	260

Iraqi	47
Lebanese	2
Myanmarese	10
Pakistani	86
Somali	36
Sri Lankan	20
Stateless	49
Sudanese	73
Syrian	1
Total	716

2. There were 646 returns and 20 removals (finally determined non-refugees) from PNG during the period September 2012 to May 2018. Number of returns and removals by month:

Month	Manus Returns	Manus Removals
September 2012	0	0
October 2012	0	0
November 2012	0	0
December 2012	0	0
January 2013	0	0
February 2013	0	0
March 2013	2	0
April 2013	0	0
May 2013	0	0
June 2013	1	0
July 2013	15	0
August 2013	3	0
September 2013	40	0
October 2013	50	0
November 2013	50	0
December 2013	7	0
January 2014	5	0
February 2014	22	0
March 2014	25	0
April 2014	23	0
May 2014	34	0
June 2014	24	0
July 2014	57	0
August 2014	46	0
September 2014	23	0
October 2014	5	0
November 2014	12	0
December 2014	9	0

January 2015	0	0
February 2015	15	0
March 2015	9	0
April 2015	10	0
May 2015	6	0
June 2015	6	0
July 2015	2	0
August 2015	3	2
September 2015	2	0
October 2015	1	0
November 2015	0	0
December 2015	0	0
January 2016	0	0
February 2016	1	0
March 2016	0	0
April 2016	0	0
May 2016	1	0
June 2016	3	0
July 2016	1	0
August 2016	2	0
September 2016	1	0
October 2016	1	0
November 2016	1	0
December 2016	3	0
January 2017	2	0
February 2017	8	2
March 2017	16	1
April 2017	7	0
May 2017	2	1
June 2017	5	0
July 2017	7	0
August 2017	8	1
September 2017	8	0
October 2017	11	1
November 2017	12	0
December 2017	4	0
January 2018	3	0
February 2018	4	0
March 2018	10	8
April 2018	16	4
May 2018	2	0
Total	646	20

3. The Australian Government provides support to the PNG Government in the form of service delivery contracts. Support includes garrison, welfare, health and settlement

services. The PNG Government does not currently hold any service delivery contracts but it does determine support and service levels, which are designed to promote self-agency.

Services are as follows:

Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health, including mental health, at a GP-led clinic at the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre (ELRTC). • Residents can be transferred to Port Moresby to receive medical treatment not available on Manus. • All residents can access out of hours emergency treatment at the Lorengau Hospital. • Residents receive medication free of charge.
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access control and asset protection. • All sites have perimeter fencing.
Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELRTC, West Lorengau Haus and Hillside Haus house residents on Manus.
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugees are provided employment support including, employment matching services, CV development and job linking services. Refugees were also provided English and Tok Pisin (PNG language) language tuition.
Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELRTC residents are provided with drinking water and food packs. • West Lorengau Haus residents are provided catered meals pending the completion of kitchen facilities. • Hillside Haus residents receive three catered meals per day and unlimited drinking water.
Allowances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugees receive an allowance of PGK100 per week. • Failed asylum seekers receive 30 Individual Allowance Program points per fortnight to purchase phone credit and other nonessential items from the onsite canteen.
Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paladin Solutions PNG Ltd provide garrison at all sites and site management at the ELRTC. • Pacific International Hospital provide health services.

- JDA Wokman Ltd provide settlement and welfare services.
- NKW Holding Ltd provide site and accommodation management at Hillside Haus and West Lorengau Haus and catering services for all residents.