

Question on notice no. 141

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2018-19 Supplementary budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Stirling Griff: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 22 October 2018—

How many children have been transferred to Australia or a third country for the 2017-18 financial year and the financial year to date? Please provide monthly figures and break this down by age and length of stay on Nauru. a.How many of the children have been accompanied by parents or relatives? b.How many have family members still on Nauru or Manus?

Answer —

During the 2017-18 financial year:

Children transferred from Nauru to Australia from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 by month and age group

Month/Year	0-4	5-6	7-12	13-15	16-17	Total
July 2017	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 2017	<5	0	0	0	0	<5
September 2017	0	0	0	0	0	0
October 2017	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 2017	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5
December 2017	0	0	<5	0	0	<5
January 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0
February 2018	0	<5	0	<5	0	<5
March 2018	0	0	<5	0	0	<5
April 2018	0	0	<5	0	0	<5
May 2018	0	0	<5	0	0	<5
June 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	<5	<5	8	<5	0	13

The average length of stay in Nauru of the 13 children transferred to Australia in 2017 18 was 1,328 days.

Note: Figures are based on operational data.

Children transferred from Nauru to Taiwan from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 by month and age group

Month/Year	0-4	5-6	7-12	13-15	16-17	Total
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March 2018	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Total	0	0	0	0	<5	<5

The calculated length of stay in Nauru, prior to the temporary transfer to Taiwan, was 1658 days.

Note: Figures are based on operational data.

Between 1 July 2017 and 30 September 2018, no children were transferred from Nauru to PNG.

During the 2018-19 financial year to date:

Children transferred from Nauru to Australia from 1 July 2018 to 30 September 2018 by month and age group

Month/Year	0-4	5-6	7-12	13-15	16-17	Total
July 2018	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	9
August 2018	5	0	4	4	<5	14
September 2018	<5	0	7	<5	<5	14
Total	10	0	13	8	6	37

The average length of stay in Nauru of the 37 children transferred to Australia between 1 July 2018 and 30 September 2018 was 1403 days.

Note: Figures are based on operational data.

Between 1 July 2018 and 30 September 2018, no children were transferred from Nauru to Taiwan.

Between 1 July 2017 and 30 September 2018 there were 50 minors transferred to Australia.

All minors transferred to Australia, Taiwan or PNG between 1 July 2017 and 30 September 2018 have been accompanied by at least one parent or extended family member.

As at 30 September 2018, 19 minors had family members in Nauru.