

Question on notice no. 241

Portfolio question number: LCC-BE20-241

2020-21 Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Stirling Griff: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 29 October 2020—

The number of people approved by the Minister who have not been cleared to travel to Australia by the Overseas Medical Referral Process of Nauru?

What is the expected time frame for them to be transferred to Australia?

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Senator Griff asked:

The number of people approved by the Minister who have not been cleared to travel to Australia by the Overseas Medical Referral Process of Nauru?
What is the expected time frame for them to be transferred to Australia?

Answer:

As at 14 October 2020, there were seven transitory persons in Nauru who had been approved by the Minister for Home Affairs for temporary transfer to Australia under Schedule 6 of the Home Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Act 2019.

Of the seven:

- Three transitory persons were approved by the Government of Nauru Overseas Medical Referral Committee (OMR Committee) for temporary transfer to Australia. Transfer to Australia was offered and all three declined.
- Four transitory persons were approved by the OMR Committee for temporary transfer to a third country to receive medical treatment. Transfer to a third country was offered and all four declined.