

Question on notice no. 322

Portfolio question number: LCC-BE20-322

2020-21 Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 6 November 2020

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How many assisted voluntary returns have taken place to countries of origin from Papua New Guinea?

a. How many of those men were found to be refugees by Papua New Guinea Immigration?

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 1.4: IMA Offshore Management

BE20-322 - Offshore processing - Papua New Guinea - Voluntary Returns

Senator McKim asked:

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Answer:

As at 14 October 2020, there were 644 assisted voluntary returns to countries of origin from Papua New Guinea. Forty individuals were refugees.