

Question on notice no. 338

Portfolio question number: LCC-BE20-338

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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- a. The number of people who have been recognised as refugees by the Government of Nauru (or otherwise recognised as people in respect of whom Nauru has non-refoulement obligations) ;
- b. The number of people who have been recognised as refugees by the Government of Papua New Guinea;
- c. The number of people who have been issued positive Deportation Risk Assessments by the Government of Papua New Guinea (or otherwise recognised as people in respect of whom Papua New Guinea has non-refoulement obligations) ;
- d. The number of people who are still in the refugee status determination process in Nauru or Papua New Guinea; and
- e. The number of people who have not had their protection status assessed by the Government of Nauru or the Government of Papua New Guinea.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Answer:

As at 14 October 2020:

- a. 1,036 transitory persons in Australia were recognised as refugees by the Government of Nauru.
- b. 283 transitory persons in Australia were recognised as refugees by the Government of Papua New Guinea.
- c. The number of transitory persons issued positive Deportation Risk Assessments by the Government of Papua New Guinea is a matter for the Government of Papua New Guinea.
- d. 66 transitory persons in Australia were yet to have their refugee status determination process finalised by the Government of Nauru or the Government of Papua New Guinea.
- e. All transitory persons have had their protection status assessed by the Government of Nauru or the Government of Papua New Guinea.