

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/049) - RPC statistics - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 93) asked:

Senator McKIM: No worries; thank you, I appreciate that clarification. I will ask a series of questions, Ms Moy. If you need to take any on notice, please feel free; if you have got the information here, we would appreciate it in real time. Firstly, what is the number of people inside the RPCs on Nauru and Manus Island? And if you could give the date that is relevant, that would be helpful; the most recent date if possible.

Ms Moy: Certainly. The date is at 31 December—

Senator McKIM: I will just stop you there. So you do not have any figures that are more recent than two months ago?

Ms Moy: I can get you an updated version on notice, but these are the figures as at—we received these figures from the host countries. So I can get an updated version for you on notice, but I can tell you that as at 31 December it was 380 people in the Nauru Regional Processing Centre, and there are 866 people in the Manus Regional Processing Centre.

Senator McKIM: Thank you. And are you able to break them down by gender and age, just in terms of whether they are children or adults?

Ms Moy: I can do that for you, Senator. In Nauru Regional Processing Centre, there are 238 single adult males; six single adult females; 91 adults in family groups; male children, 29; female children, 16.

Senator McKIM: Thank you. Are you able to break down the number of people who may be still in PNG or Nauru but who are not resident, if you like, in the centres? Or would they be included in those numbers you have just given us?

Ms Moy: In terms of the numbers of refugees?

Senator McKIM: Or of people seeking asylum. They are open centres, is that right? So people can come in and out.

Ms Moy: That is correct.

Senator McKIM: And, presumably, they could find somewhere else to live if they wanted to.

Ms Moy: The transferees generally live within the regional processing centres, so they are individuals who have not received a positive hand-down in terms of their Refugee Status Determination. There are 206 transferees—within the regional processing centre—and there are 174 refugees still living within the Nauru Regional Processing Centre.

Senator McKIM: Sorry, Ms Moy; just so that I am clear: the numbers that you provided before—the 380 in Nauru and the 866 on Manus—are they only the people that are resident in the centres? Or do they include people who maybe have walked out a month ago and they are now living somewhere else?

Ms Moy: No; they are the individuals living within the centres. The only people who live outside of the centres are people who have been found to be refugees.

Senator McKIM: Yes. And how many of those are on Manus Island and on Nauru?

Ms Moy: I will just get those figures for you—unless Assistant Commissioner Woodford-Smith has them at hand.

Mr Woodford-Smith: The number of refugees that we currently have on Nauru is 757 refugees.

Senator McKIM: They have had successful refugee status determinations.

Mr Woodford-Smith: They have been classed as refugees and they are living in the community, which is in addition to the refugees—the 174—that are living inside the regional processing centre.

Senator McKIM: Sorry, Mr Woodford Smith: are you talking about Manus or Nauru there, firstly?

Mr Woodford-Smith: No; I am talking about Nauru.

Senator McKIM: Nauru?

Mr Woodford-Smith: Yes.

Senator McKIM: Okay. How many people who are refugees are not living in the centre at Nauru?

Mr Woodford-Smith: 757 refugees live in the Nauru community.

Senator McKIM: Okay. And that is in addition to the 380 people—either refugees or people with negative determinations or, potentially, people that are still going through the process—that are living in the centre. Is that correct?

Mr Woodford-Smith: That is correct.

Senator McKIM: All right, thank you. Do you have the numbers for Manus?

Mr Woodford-Smith: I do. The number is substantially smaller. There are 64 individuals living in the ELRTC, the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre, and another 25 refugees settled within the greater PNG. That is as of 31 December.

Senator McKIM: If you are able to take on notice whether you have any more up-to-date figures.

Answer:

Table 1: Nauru RPC Population by Cohort and Refugee Status as at 27 February 2017

Refugee Status	Men	Women	Children	Total
Transferee	129	22	21	172
Refugee	155	27	24	206
Total	284	49	45	378

Table 2: Nauru Community Population by Cohort and Refugee Status as at 27 February 2017

Refugee Status	Men	Women	Children	Total
Refugee	449	184	124	757
Total	449	184	124	757

Table 3: Manus RPC Population by Cohort and Refugee Status as at 27 February 2017

Refugee Status	Men	Women	Children	Total
Transferee	42	0	0	42
Refugee	595	0	0	595
Failed Asylum Seeker	202	0	0	202
Total	839	0	0	839

Table 4: East Lorengau RTC Population by Cohort and Refugee Status as at 27 February 2017

Refugee Status	Men	Women	Children	Total
Transferee	2	0	0	2
Refugee	55	0	0	55
Failed Asylum Seeker	0	0	0	0
Total	57	0	0	57

Table 5: Settled in Papua New Guinea Community by Cohort and Refugee Status as at 27 February 2017

Refugee Status	Men	Women	Children	Total
Refugee	32	0	0	32
Total	32¹	0	0	32

¹ Includes four refugees who have subsequently returned to the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre and two refugees who have subsequently departed voluntarily.