

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/212) - US Manus and Nauru Refugee Deal - Number and handling of applications - Programme 2.2: Migration

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

How many people have applied to be considered as part of this deal and where are they located, how many are children, women, men? Are they being assessed in groups? Who has the highest priority?

Answer:

As at 22 March 2017, 1,626 (605 Manus, 997 Nauru and 24 in Australia) refugees and transferees have expressed an interest in being considered for resettlement in the United States (US). Of those:

- 228 are women
- 1,253 are men
- 145 are minors

The priority is the resettlement of the most vulnerable refugees, with an initial focus on women, children and families.

The US considers refugees as cases. A case may comprise of a family group, either nuclear or extended, or as an individual.

The US is applying their own rigorous assessment and vetting processes to determine which refugees are eligible for resettlement in the US, and when this will take place.

All cases are different and will move through the process at different speeds.