

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 March 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/265) - Legacy Caseload - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA) written:

The Minister often refers to a 'legacy caseload' can you please explain what that caseload is?
How many people are in the legacy caseload and does that figure include people who have been assessed as refugees?
How many are children?

Answer:

The Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMA) Legacy Caseload comprises of persons who entered Australia by sea without authority and became unlawful non-citizens upon entry.
This includes:

1. IMAs whose applications for protection were not finally determined and who were in Australia when the Government took office on 18 September 2013.
2. IMAs who arrived up until 31 December 2013 and who have not been transferred to a Regional Processing Centre (RPC).
3. A small number of IMAs outside of these groups have also been brought into the fast track process through legislation instruments based on their individual circumstances.
4. Babies born in Australia to IMAs in the above group.

Of the 30,500 IMAs that formed the Legacy Caseload around 21,500 IMAs are either awaiting a final determination of their application or are in the process of lodging an application for protection. Around 9,000 IMAs have departed Australia or have been finally determined (granted or affirmed as a refusal following merits review).

At 30 March 2017, the IMA Legacy Caseload includes some 4000 children (people under 18 years of age).