

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/120) - Legacy caseload - total number of IMAs who have received assistance under PAIS since commencement - Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 78) asked:

Senator McKIM: Could you provide the total number of IMAs who have received assistance under PAIS since commencement, if possible broken down into nationality and as a percentage of the legacy caseload.

Ms Lauman: I think we took that on notice slightly earlier in the day. We had a figure and the people yet to lodge.

Senator McKIM: Okay. I have possibly asked the same question in a different way there, so I accept that. If I did ask a slightly different question, I would just ask you to take them both on notice.

Answer:

As at 24 May 2017 date 3,224 illegal maritime arrivals (IMAs) have received assistance under the under the Primary Application and Information Service (PAIS). This excludes:

- People who after being offered assistance, departed Australia, declined assistance or otherwise disengaged and those who have died.
- IMA's referred for PAIS assistance who are yet to indicate they wish to take up that offer.

Table 1: IMAs who have received PAIS assistance (as at 24 May 2017)

Citizenship	Number of IMAs
Iran	913
Sri Lanka	745
Stateless Person	525
Afghanistan	301
Iraq	170
Pakistan	98
Somalia	82
Sudan	75
Vietnam	68
Myanmar	60
Other	187
Total	3,224
% of Legacy Caseload (Fast track)	13%