

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/125) - Regional Processing Centres - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

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In relation to RPCs:

How many stateless people remain in detention in offshore detention and how long have they been in detention?

How many asylum seekers are currently detained at the Manus Island RPC?

Since last Estimates, how many have been determined not to be refugees and determined to be refugees?

How many people are at the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre?

How many men have left Manus for resettlement in PNG, but have returned, either to East Lorengau or to Lombrum?

How many men are being held in and around Port Moresby for medical treatment?

How many incidents have there been in the RPC since last Estimates?

Please provide a breakdown of those incidents

Have there been any medical emergencies since last Estimates and how many have been treated in in the new medical facility?

How many acts of self-harm were committed by men either at the RPC or East Lorengau since last estimates?

How many asylum seekers have been transferred to Australia for treatment and what have been the nature of injuries and illnesses?

How many asylum seekers from the RPC are currently in Australia?

How much financial assistance will be provided to PNG as a result of the Manus RPC closure?

How many incidents classified as major or critical incident and how many assaults were reported?

How many asylum seekers are currently detained at the Nauru RPC?

Since last Estimates, how many have been determined to be refugees and not refugees?

How many people are still in the RPC and (a) are children (b) the average time a child has been held (c) the longest period of time a child has been held?

How many people found to be refugees are still living within the RPC?

Has the Nauruan Government provided any indication since last estimates when they expect the remaining asylum seekers will be processed by?

Who makes the final decision to transfer someone for medical treatment?

What is the average length of stay in Australia for medical treatment?

How many are still in Australia seeking medical treatment?

How many have family accompanying them in Australia?

What is the cost of transporting detainees between Nauru and Australia for treatment?

How many people are currently in Australia from RPCs as a result of a court or legal injunction preventing their return following medical treatment.

Answer:

1. *How many stateless people remain in detention in offshore detention and how long have they been in detention?*

There are no people in detention offshore.

2. *How many asylum seekers are currently detained at the Manus Island RPC?*

There are no asylum seekers in detention at Manus Island RPC.

3. *Since last Estimates, how many have been determined not to be refugees and determined to be refugees?*

Between 5 May 2016 and 17 October 2016, 88 transferees were determined to be failed asylum seekers following a negative PNG Minister's Final Determination.

4. *How many people are at the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre?*

As at 17 October 2016, there were 62 people accommodated at the *East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre* (ELRTC).

5. *How many men have left Manus for resettlement in PNG, but have returned, either to East Lorengau or Lombrum?*

As at 17 October 2016, two refugees had returned to the ELRTC.

6. *How many men are being held in and around Port Moresby for medical treatment?*

As at 17 October 2016, there were 17 men from Manus RPC being accommodated in Port Moresby for medical treatment.

7. *How many incidents have there been in the RPC since last Estimates? Please provide a breakdown of those incidents?*

According to departmental systems, incident reports for Manus and Nauru RPCs for the period of 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016 are as follows:

Manus RPC		Nauru RPC	
Category	Total	Category	Total
Category 1 (Minor)	1325	Category 1 (Minor)	1064
Category 2 (Major)	219	Category 2 (Major)	316
Category 3 (Critical)	3	Category 3 (Critical)	1
Grand Total	1547*	Grand Total	1381*

* All numbers are a point in time and obtained from a live system: as such the information may show different information from that previously supplied or that supplied in the future.

8. *Have there been any medical emergencies since last Estimates and how many have been treated in the new medical facility?*

The Department does not provide specific details on the health and transfer arrangements of individuals.

9. *How many acts of self-harm were committed by men either at the RPC or east Lorengau since last Estimates?*

From 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016 there were 49 incidents of self-harm reported at the RPC and east Lorengau.

10. *How many asylum seekers have been transferred to Australia for treatment and what have been the nature of injuries and illnesses?*

From 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016, there were 14 transfers from Manus to Australia for medical treatment. The Department does not provide specific details on the health and transfer arrangements of individuals.

11. *How many asylum seekers from the RPC are currently in Australia?*

As at 17 October 2016, there were 47 people from Manus who were in Australia for medical treatment.

12. *How much financial assistance will be provided to PNG as a result of the Manus RPC closure?*

The Department has not allocated any financial assistance to the Government of PNG as a result of the RPC closure.

13. *How many incidents classified as major or critical incident and how many assaults were reported?*

According to departmental systems, for the period of 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016 the incidents reported as Major and Critical in the Manus and Nauru RPCs were as follows:

Manus RPC		Nauru RPC	
Category	Total	Category	Total
Category 2 (Major)	219	Category 2 (Major)	316
Category 3 (Critical)	3	Category 3 (Critical)	1
Grand Total	222*	Grand Total	317*

* All numbers are a point in time and obtained from a live system: as such the information may show different information from that previously supplied or that supplied in the future.

Of the 222 incidents reported as Major and Critical in the Manus RPC:

- 28 incidents, reported as Major, related to assault; and
- 0 incidents, reported as Critical, related to assault.

Of the 317 incidents reported as Major and Critical in the Nauru RPC:

- 21 incidents, reported as Major, related to assault; and
- 0 incidents, reported as Critical, related to assault.

14. *How many asylum seekers are currently detained at the Nauru RPC?*

There are no asylum seekers detained at Nauru RPC.

15. *Since last Estimates, how many have been determined to be refugees and not refugees?*

As 17 October 2016 in Nauru, no transferee has been determined not to be a refugee. All transferees still have avenues within the refugee status determination process; as such none are classified as failed asylum seekers.

16. *How many people are still in the RPC and*

- *are children*
- *average time a child has been held*
- *the longest period of time a child has been held?*

As at 17 October 2016, there were 393 people accommodated in Nauru RPC.

a. *How many children?*

Of these 393 people, 45 were under the age of 18.

b. *What is the average time a child has been held in the RPC?*

Of the 45 children, the average time in the RPC was 828 days.

c. *What is the longest period of time a child has been held?*

Of the 45 children, the longest time in the RPC was 1150 days.

17. *How many people found to be refugees are still living within the RPC?*

As at 17 October 2016, there were 145 refugees accommodated in Nauru RPC.

18. *Has the Nauruan Government provided any indication since last Estimates when they expect the remaining asylum seekers will be processed by?*

The Australian Government is aware that a small number of primary determinations are yet to be made, including those who are on medical transfers. Beyond this, and noting the individual circumstances for the medical transferees, the Australian Government is unaware of the GoN's expected timeframe for completion of preliminary assessments.

19. *Who makes the final decision to transfer someone for medical treatment?*

The decision is made by an approved departmental delegate.

20. *What is the average length of stay in Australia for medical treatment?*

As at 17 October 2016, the average length of stay in Australia was around 590 days.

21. *How many are still in Australia seeking medical treatment? How many have family accompanying them in Australia?*

As at 17 October 2016, there were a total of 377 people in Australia for medical treatment. The total includes accompanying family members.

22. What is the cost of transporting detainees between Nauru and Australia for treatment?

It is not possible to identify the individual cost per medical charter transfer as the department utilises charters for multiple purposes in a manner which maximises operational outputs and ensures accountability for the use of public monies.

Charters are used for a number of reasons including medical transfers between Australia and Nauru and for asylum seekers who are seeking removal from Nauru to Port Moresby, to link with commercial flights to country of origin.

The below figures are costs the Department spent on medical escorts:

Financial year 2014/15	\$3,453,138
Financial year 2015/16	\$2,989,561
Total	\$6,442,699

These costs include medical evacuations, medical escorts and other costs associated with transfers. This cost does not include costs associated with transfers undertaken on routine charters.

23. How many people are currently in Australia from RPCs as a result of a court or legal injunction preventing their return following medical treatment?

There were 220 individuals given an undertaking by the Minister.