

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/135) - Offshore processing - Manus - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

In relation to offshore processing on Manus Island RPC:

1. How many asylum people are currently detained at the Manus Island RPC?
2. In 2015/16, how many people have been given a primary decision?
 - a. Of those people, how many were determined to not be refugees?
 - b. Of those who determined to not be refugees:
 - i) Where are they living now?
 - ii) Have any voluntarily returned to their country of origin?
 - iii) Have any involuntary returns been attempted by the PNG authorities?
3. How many people have been determined to be refugees?
 - a. Of those people who were determined to be refugees, where are they living now?
 - i) How many have been resettled?
 - ii) Have they taken PNG visas and are they living in the community?
 - iii) How many people are at the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre?
 - b. How many men have left Manus for resettlement in PNG, but have returned, either to East Lorengau or to Lombrum, because resettlement did not work?
4. How many men are being held in and around Port Moresby for medical treatment?
5. How many incidents have there been in the RPC? Please provide figures for the last five years.
What are the nature of these incidents?
 - a. Have there been any minor or serious injuries for detainees or staff as a result of these incidents?
6. Have there been any medical emergencies in 2015/16?
 - a. If so, what was the nature of these emergencies?
7. How many asylum seekers have been treated in the new medical facility?
 - a. What has been the nature of injuries and illnesses treated in the facility?
8. How many asylum seekers have been transferred to Australia for treatment?
 - a. What has been the nature of injuries and illnesses treated in Australia?
 - b. How many asylum seekers from the RPC are currently in Australia?
 - c. Where are they based and when do you expect they will return to Manus?
9. There has been significant reporting around the closure on the Manus Island RPC, what steps are in place to manage the closure of the RPC?
10. How much financial assistance has the Australian Government allocated to PNG as a result of the Manus closure?

Answer:

1. *How many asylum people are currently detained at the Manus Island RPC?*

There are no asylum seekers in detention at Manus RPC.

2. *In 2015/16, how many people have been given a primary decision?*

Between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016, 449 people received notification of a Minister's Final Determination.

a. *Of those people, how many were determined to not be refugees?*

Of those, 44 failed asylum seekers received notification of a negative Minister's Final Determination.

b. *Of those who determined to not be refugees:*

i. *Where are they living now?*

Of those, as at 17 October 2016, 41 were accommodated in Manus RPC, two were removed involuntarily and one was voluntarily returned to their home country.

ii. *Have any voluntarily returned to their country of origin?*

Yes.

iii. *Have any involuntary returns been attempted by the PNG authorities?*

Yes.

3. *How many people have been determined to be refugees?*

As at 17 October 2016, there were 668 transferees who were determined to be a refugee following a positive Minister's Final Determination.

a. *Of those people who were determined to be refugees, where are they living now?*

Of the 668 determined to be refugees:

- 572 refugees were accommodated in Manus RPC
- 56 refugees were accommodated in East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre (ELRTC)
- 25 refugees had settled in the PNG community
- 10 refugees were in Australia for medical treatment
- Four refugees were voluntary returned to their home country.

i. *How many have been resettled?*

See response to 3.a.

ii. *Have they taken PNG visas and are they living in the community?*

Yes.

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

As at 17 October 2016, there were 56 refugees accommodated at the ELRTC.

b. *How many men have left Manus for resettlement in PNG, but have returned, either to East Lorengau or to Lombrum, because resettlement did not work?*

As at 17 October 2016, one refugee had subsequently returned to the ELRTC for additional support and one refugee who had subsequently departed voluntarily after settlement in PNG.

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

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5. *How many incidents have there been in the RPC? Please provide figures for the last five years. What are the nature of these emergencies?*

The Department's incident management reporting system was implemented from mid-2014. Prior to the implementation date, 884 incidents were recorded by the Department's service provider from 10 September 2012 to 1 July 2014.

After the incident management reporting system implementation, 4525 incidents were recorded from 2 July 2014 to 30 September 2016.

a. *Have there been any minor or serious injuries for detainees or staff as a result of these incidents?*

There have been no minor or serious injuries for ABF staff. Any injuries relating to service providers are managed through their processes. From 1 July to 30 September 2016, there was one recorded death of a transferee in Manus.

6. *Have there been any medical emergencies in 2015/16?*

From 1 July to 30 September 2016, there were six air ambulance transfers from Manus and Nauru, to Australia.

a. *If so, what was the nature of these emergencies?*

The emergency air ambulance transfers were all medical-related and recommended for transfer by the Department's contracted health services provider.

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

7. *How many asylum seekers have been treated in the new medical facility?*

The medical facility is a Government of PNG facility and this is a question for the Government of PNG.

a. *What has been the nature of injuries and illnesses treated in the facility?*

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

8. *How many asylum seekers have been transferred to Australia for treatment?*

From 1 July 2015 to 17 October 2016, there were 14 transfers from Manus to Australia for medical treatment.

a. *What has been the nature of injuries and illnesses treated in Australia?*

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

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

See SE16/125.

c. *Where are they based and when do you expect they will return to Manus?*

Of these 47 people, as at 17 October 2016:

- 37 were accommodated in immigration held detention facilities, and
- 10 were living under residence determination.

The Department cannot answer the question of when they are expected to return to Manus as it depends on the respective medical circumstances for each individual.

9. *There has been significant reporting around the closure on the Manus Island RPC, what steps are in place to manage the closure of the RPC?*

The Department continues to work closely with the Government of Papua New Guinea to agree timing and logistics for closure of the Manus Regional Processing Centre (RPC).

10. *How much financial assistance has the Australian Government allocated to PNG as a result of the Manus closure?*

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