

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/136) - Offshore processing - Nauru - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

In relation to offshore processing on Nauru RPC:

1. How many asylum seekers are currently detained at the Nauru RPC?
2. In 2015/16, how many have been determined not to be refugees?
 - a. Of those determined not to be refugees
 - i) where are they living now?
 - ii) Have any voluntarily returned home?
 - iii) Have any involuntary returns been attempted by the Nauruan authorities?
3. In 2015/16, how many have been determined to be refugees?
 - a. Where are they living now?
 - b. Have they taken visas and are they living in the community?
4. How many people are living in the RPC?
 - a. How many children?
 - b. What is the average time a child has been held in the RPC?
 - c. What is the longest period of time a child has been held?
5. How many children are attending school in Nauru?
6. How many of those found to be refugees are still living within the RPC?
 - a. Is this by choice or because there is no housing available for them in the community?
7. Has the Nauruan Government provided any indication when they expect the remaining asylum seekers will be processed by?
8. How many asylum seekers have been transferred to Australia for medical assistance since the last Estimates?
 - a. How many were children?
 - b. How many of these medical transfers were for instances of self-harm?
 - c. How many of these medical transfers were for instances of alleged sexual assault?
9. Who makes the final decision to transfer someone for medical treatment?
10. What is the average length of stay in Australia for medical treatment?
11. How many are still in Australia seeking medical treatment?
12. How many have family accompanying them in Australia?
13. What is the cost of transporting detainees between Nauru and Australia for treatment?

Answer:

1. *How many asylum seekers are currently detained at the Nauru RPC?*
There are no people in detention at the Nauru RPC.
2. *In 2015/16, how many have been determined not to be refugees?*
In Nauru, no transferee has been finally determined not to be a refugee. All transferees not to be owed protection in the first instance still have avenues within the refugee status determination process.
 - a. *Of those determined not to be refugees:*
 - i) *where are they living now?*
N/A
 - ii) *Have any voluntarily returned home?*
Between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016, two transferees were voluntarily returned to their home country.
 - iii) *Have any involuntary returns been attempted by the Nauruan authorities?*
No.
3. *In 2015/16, how many have been determined to be refugees?*
Between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016, 415 transferees were determined to be refugees.
 - a. *Where are they living now?*
As at 17 October 2016, of the 415 transferees determined to be refugees between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016:
 - 124 were accommodated in Nauru RPC
 - 274 were settled in the Nauruan community
 - 11 were in Australia
 - Four had voluntarily returned to their home country
 - One was in Port Moresby.
 - b. *Have they taken visas and are they living in the community?*
Yes refer to 3.a.
4. *How many people are living in the RPC?*
Refer to SE16/125
5. *How many children are attending school in Nauru*
Records of school attendance is a matter for the Government of Nauru Department of Education.
6. *How many of those found to be refugees are still living within the RPC?*
Refer to SE16/125
 - a. *Is this by choice or because there is no housing available for them in the community?*
The current arrangement of the refugees accommodated in the Nauru RPC is temporary until additional community settlement accommodation options become available.

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

Refer to SE16/125

8. *How many asylum seekers have been transferred to Australia for medical assistance since the last Estimates?*

Between 5 May 2016 and 17 October 2016, there were 14 transfers from Nauru to Australia for medical reasons.

a. *How many were children?*

Two.

b. *How many of these medical transfers were for instances of self-harm?*

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

c. *How many of these medical transfers were for instances of alleged sexual assault?*

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

Refer to SE16/125

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

Refer to SE16/125

11. *How many are still in Australia seeking medical treatment?*

As at 17 October 2016, there were 130 people from Nauru who were in Australia for medical treatment.

12. *How many have family accompanying them in Australia?*

As at 17 October 2016, there were 155 accompanying family members transferred from Nauru who were in Australia.

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

Refer to SE16/125