

Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Legacy Caseload Appeals	1. How many asylum-seekers in the 'legacy caseload' have active appeals before the Courts? 2. What type of visa have they been granted while they await the outcome of their appeal? 3. Are they permitted to work to financially support themselves while they wait the outcome of their appeal?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Legacy Caseload	1. For those asylum-seekers who missed the 1 October 2017 application deadline for whom the bar will not be lifted to enable them to apply for protection, what is the Department's process for assessing their protection claims prior to removal to ensure no one is returned to persecution? 2. Is the Department conducting an International Treaty Obligations Assessment for all asylum seekers who missed the 1 October deadline? If not, what is the assessment process that is being conducted? 3. If an assessment is done, is the asylum seeker provided with a decision record of this assessment? 4. Are they able to have a legal representative present during the assessment to make submissions on their behalf? 5. What steps does the Department take to ensure asylum-seekers can access a legal representative in the assessment process? 6. How many asylum seekers who missed the 1 October deadline have been assessed as engaging Australia's international obligations? 7. Have any people who did not lodge their application by 1 October 2017 were sent back to their country of origin? 8. How many have been referred to the Minister's office for consideration to have the section 46A application bar lifted? 9. How many asylum seekers in Australia have never been invited to apply for protection? (never had the bar lifted) 10. Of these: a. How many of these are in detention? b. How many of these are in the community? 11. Which country do these people come from? (numbers for each country; year of arrival in Australia; visa status now)	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Failed asylum seekers in PNG	1. The Department previously advised that freedom of movement for failed 'stateless' asylum seekers in Papua New Guinea is a matter for the PNG Government. Are you aware of steps being taken by the PNG Government to allow them freedom of movement? 2. Are you aware of any long-term solutions that are being sought for these stateless persons? 3. For failed asylum seekers who now suffer from serious mental health deterioration, will they be allowed to remain in PNG given that there is evidence that the harm has been caused or precipitated by Australia's offshore processing practice?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 1.4: IMA Offshore Management
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	US Resettlement Plan	1. What are the plans for the next groups of people to go to the US? What is the schedule? 2. What will happen with those currently applying for the US deal who have immediate family in Australia who are not subject to offshore processing?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.2: Migration
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Returned Persons to Sri Lanka and Papua New Guinea	How many people have been returned to Sri Lanka from Papua New Guinea, broken down by (a) voluntary and (b) involuntary returns?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 1.4: IMA Offshore Management
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Medical Treatment Transfers	1. Since 1 January 2017, how many people have been transferred for medical treatment from Nauru or Manus Island to 1) Port Moresby and 2) another country (and if so, please specify the country)? 2. Since 1 January 2017, how many people have been transferred for medical treatment to Australia?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 1.4: IMA Offshore Management
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Returned Persons Individual Assessments	For asylum-seekers and refugees returned to Australia from Nauru and Papua New Guinea for medical treatment, is there an individualised assessment to determine whether detention in immigration detention facilities is necessary and proportionate – notably whether detention could cause more harm due to the medical conditions?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 1.4: IMA Offshore Management
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Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Visa Cancellations	1. How many Refugee (subclass 200) and Protection (subclass 866) visas have been cancelled each year since 2010 -11 – broken down by year. 2. Under what subsections of the Migration Act have they been cancelled? 3. Have any of these visas been cancelled as a result of incurring an infringement notice? 4. How many of these refugees are currently in a detention facility following visa cancellation? 5. How many are in community detention following visa cancellation? 6. What is the average length of time that these individuals have been accommodated in a detention facility? 7. What is the average period of time an individual, who has served a sentence for a criminal act, remains in immigration detention owing to visa cancellation?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.3: Visas
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Asylum seeker adverse security	1. How many asylum seekers have adverse security assessment (ASAs) and qualified security assessment (QSAs)? 2. How many asylum seekers with ASAs and QSAs remain in detention and what is the average length of time that they have been in detention, broken down by age, nationality and their location of detention? 3. If the asylum seeker has a QSA, on what basis do they remain in detention and how often is this reviewed in practice? 4. Is the assessment for the reasons for detention available to them and is the assessment reviewable by courts? 5. How many of these asylum seekers with QSAs are awaiting a decision of their protection visa application or review? 6. What is the average time taken from the initial visa application lodgement to a Departmental decision on this or any subsequent application?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Bridging Visas	How many people in Australia are currently on a Bridging Visa E (a) with work rights, and (b) without work rights?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.3: Visas
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Citizenship Eligibility	1. Could you outline what eligibility criteria applicants for citizenship are currently assessed against? 2. Mr Pezzullo stated at last Estimates that well in advance of 1 July, he would seek policy authority from the Government as to how to proceed if the legislation is still potentially before the Senate. (page 174 Hansard) Does that mean that people applying for citizenship before 1 July this year could be assessed against criteria that is contained in any potential amendment bill?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.1: Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship

Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Citizenship Management	<p>1. Please provide the current number of assurance applications for citizenship on-hand for more than 80 days, by top 10 nationalities (as provided to the Ombudsman).</p> <p>2. From 1 March 2015, how many citizenship applications have been referred for consideration of visa cancellation, and how many of those have had their visas cancelled?</p> <p>3. For the past three financial years, how many Department of Home Affairs staff (by full-time equivalents) are employed in processing assurance applications? Please provide the number of full-time equivalent staff by APS levels.</p> <p>4. Since the Federal Court case of BMF16 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection [2016] FCA 1530 was handed down, how many extra staff (by full-time equivalent) have been employed in processing assurance applications?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.1: Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	English Language Requirements	1. The government has signalled its intention to amend the English language requirements in the citizenship laws from "competent" to "modest". Could you explain this difference?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.1: Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Excluded Fast Track Review Applicants	<p>1. What is the total number of "excluded fast track review applicants" who have been denied merits review of their adverse decision (broken down by specific reason and nationality)?</p> <p>2. How many subsequently sought judicial review?</p> <p>3. How many have been removed without access to a review process, namely without a fair and efficient determination of their protection claims? If yes, to which countries were they removed?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.1: Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Community Support Program	1. Please provide an update on the Community Support Program, including: 1) any policies or guidelines prepared or published, 2) the revised time for announcements of the selection of Approved Proposing Organisations and an explanation of the delay in their announcement, 3) whether the Department is expecting to fill the 1,000 places under this programme by the end of the financial year and if not, whether these places will be opened up for other applications within the Humanitarian Program.	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.1: Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship
ABF	Senator McKim	Restraints Procedure for People in Detention	Has there been a change in the policy or procedure adopted in the use of restraints for people in detention? Please indicate how and many.	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 1.3: Onshore Compliance and Detention
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Visa Cancellations Since 1 January 2015	How many people have had their (1) permanent protection visa, (2) temporary protection visa or (3) Bridging Visa E cancelled since 1 January 2015? How many people are there currently in detention who have had those visas cancelled?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.3: Visas
ABF	Senator McKim	Onshore detention visitor guidelines	<p>1. Why do personal visitors need to give five business days' notice before visiting an onshore detention facility?</p> <p>2. Why do they need to reapply every single time they visit?</p> <p>3. Why do they need at least two forms of ID (100 points)?</p> <p>4. How does this compare with the way prisons manage personal visitors?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 1.3: Onshore Compliance and Detention
ABF	Senator McKim	Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Stateless persons in detention	<p>1. How many asylum seekers, refugees and stateless persons are currently detained in immigration detention facilities, broken down by country of origin, status, gender and age?</p> <p>2. What is the average time in detention for the asylum seekers, refugees and stateless persons currently detained, broken down by status?</p> <p>3. What are the main reasons that stateless people are held in immigration detention?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Funding for Regional Co-operation Arrangements	<p>In Budget Paper 2 this year - there was \$55.4 million allocated for Regional Co-operation Arrangements (in 2016-17 - the figure was \$52.6m).</p> <p>1. What are the specifics of this money? What are the regional co-operation arrangements that it funds?</p> <p>2. Does this money go fund immigration detention centres in Indonesia?</p> <p>3. Whereabouts in Indonesia is the money spent?</p> <p>4. Does any money go to IOM to fund its programs in Indonesia or Malaysia? How much? Does IOM use that money to run immigration detention centres in Indonesia?</p> <p>5. Does any of that money go towards joint exercises, training programs with other national agencies - ie Indonesian or Malaysian immigration and border agencies? Can you detail those programs?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 1.5: Regional Cooperation
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Freedom of Movement from Pacific Island Nations	<p>Apparently the National Security Committee (NSC) discussed last year a proposal to allow freedom of movement from Pacific Island nations including Kiribati (pronounced Kiribas) and Tuvalu. Basically climate refugees but they'd never be called that.</p> <p>1. Has the department done any work on a freedom of movement arrangement with Kiribati, Tuvalu or other Pacific nations?</p> <p>2. Do you agree that we need to prepare for climate refugees from nations like these which are in imminent danger from rising sea levels?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 1.5: Regional Cooperation
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Sayed Abdellatif – Interpol Refused	<p>1. Asylum seeker Sayed Abdellatif has been in immigration detention since his arrival in 2012. His detention was based on an Interpol Red Notice – the false charges have now been removed from the Red Notice, when will Sayed be removed from immigration detention and be allowed to apply for a protection visa?</p> <p>2. When was the Minister advised that Sayed's convictions were false?</p> <p>3. Did the Australian Government know in 2015 that the evidence used to convict Sayed was obtained using torture?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 1.4: IMA Offshore Management
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Shantaruban / Deportation against UN advice	<p>1. Why were the Government taking steps to deport a Tamil asylum seeker when the UN Committee Against Torture were asking the Government not to do so while they assessed his case?</p> <p>2. Does the government regularly deport people who the UN Committee Against Torture has granted Interim Measures for?</p> <p>3. How many people has the Australian government deported who have had an 'interim measures' request not to do so?</p> <p>4. By becoming party to major international treaties and their complaint mechanisms do you believe that Australia has accepted and is bound by the jurisdiction and authority of the UN's expert committees?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Exercision of Ministerial Powers	How many applications has Minister Dutton received for the exercise of ministerial intervention powers under the Migration Act in favour of a person seeking asylum since his appointment? How many times has he exercised that discretion in favour of a person seeking asylum during the same period?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme Tender	Has anyone been awarded the tender to manage the Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme? What was the value of the tender, and does this include the amount to be provided to migration agents providing advice under the scheme? If not, what is the estimated cost of this under the IAAAS?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program: Department of Home Affairs Corporate/General
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Rohingya people seeking protection	How many Rohingya people seeking protection are: (1) still awaiting resolution of their claim in Australia, and	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Rohingya people awaiting resolution	How many Rohingya people seeking protection are: (2) still awaiting resolution of their claim in Nauru or Papua New Guinea?	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Status Resolution Support Payments	<p>1. How many people are clients of the SRSS program? Please provide a breakdown by State/Territory, age ranges, and which bands they are on.</p> <p>2. What is the estimated budget allocated for SRSS at the end of the current contracts due to expire in June 2018?</p> <p>3. Is the Department planning any changes in relation to eligibility for Status Resolution Support Payments? If so, what will those changes be and how many people currently receiving the SRSS payment will have their payment stopped?</p> <p>4. There are a large number of contracted providers who have contracts ending on 30 June 2018. Will the Department conduct a tender process prior to that date so current and new providers can apply to deliver the services?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.1: Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship
ABF	Senator McKim	Operation Sovereign Border Intercepts	<p>How many boats have been intercepted under Operation Sovereign Borders since the last Senate Estimates?</p> <p>a. What were the dates of interception and return?</p> <p>b. How many people were on board? How many of these were children?</p> <p>c. In each instance, what processes were undertaken to find out whether anyone on board was in need of international protection?</p> <p>d. What countries were they returned to?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 1.1: Border Enforcement
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Video conferencing protection visa applicants	<p>1. Is the department interviewing asylum seekers by video conferencing facilities with increasing frequency instead of in person?</p> <p>2. Given the difficulties in interviewing a person by video instead of in person, why is the Department doing video interviews with increasing frequency?</p> <p>3. Are translators and legal representatives physically present with the applicant?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Visa Cancellations	<p>1. Since 1 January 2015, how many visas have been cancelled personally by the Minister? Please break this down by the section under the Migration Act by which the visa was cancelled.</p> <p>2. Since 1 January 2016, how many people have had their visas cancelled before clearing immigration clearance? How many of these people have since been returned (voluntarily or involuntarily)?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.3: Visas
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Visa Processing	<p>1. What proportion of Visa applications are made online?</p> <p>a. Is any data available on the number of online applications that are incomplete after lodgement?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.3: Visas
Department of Home Affairs	Senator McKim	Offshore Immigration Posts	<p>1. How many staff are employed at Off Shore Immigration posts?</p> <p>2. Has the proportion of Australian citizen staff at Off Shore Immigrations posts been reduced since the 2017 - 18 Budget?</p>	N/A	Wednesday, 7 March 2018	Written	Program 2.3: Visas