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Senator Nick McKim asked:

Senator McKIM: I want to ask a couple of questions about offshore detention. Firstly, how many people in the offshore cohort are currently in Papua New Guinea and in Nauru?

Mr Pezzullo: In round terms, 500, but General Furini has the detailed breakdown.

Major Gen. Furini: Offshore, currently in PNG and Nauru, there is a total of 439.

Senator McKIM: Thank you. Can you break that down between the two countries?

Major Gen. Furini: Yes. There are 211 in Nauru and 228 in PNG.

Senator McKIM: Do you have figures on how many people from that cohort are currently in Australia?

Major Gen. Furini: Yes, I do. Currently in Australia, 1,220.

Senator McKIM: And do you have them broken down in terms of whether they were on Nauru or in PNG?

Major Gen. Furini: I'll just have to check my briefing, which I don't have readily at hand.

Senator McKIM: Righto.

Major Gen. Furini: I don't have it. I'll have to get you that information on notice.

Answer:

As at 1 March 2020, of the 1,220 transitory persons in Australia, 964 were transferred from Nauru and 256 were transferred from Papua New Guinea.