

Question on notice no. 549

Portfolio question number: BE21-549

2021-22 Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Stirling Griff: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 11 June 2021—

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- How many people are pending a decision.
- How many people have received a negative outcome.
- How many people have withdrawn from the process.
- How many have had their case closed for any other reason.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Answer:

As at 25 May 2021:

- a. Approximately 1,900 individuals had expressed interest in the United States (US) resettlement, including persons whom have already resettled in the US.
- b. Nine hundred and sixty (960).

From Nauru	From PNG	From Australia	TOTAL
396	420	144	960

- c. Approximately two hundred and forty (240) refugees have been notified by the US of a provisional approval outcome. While notification of provisional approval is an indicator of departure, various factors, including final medical and security screening and individual agreement to voluntarily depart, can influence the result.
- d. Details regarding the number of refugees pending a decision is a matter for the US Government.
- e. Details regarding the number of refugees receiving a negative outcome is a matter for the US Government
- f. Details regarding the number of refugees withdrawn from the process is a matter for the US Government.
- g. Details regarding the number of individuals whose cases are closed is a matter for the US Government.