

Question on notice no. 132

Portfolio question number: AE22-132

2021-22 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 14 February 2022

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- a. An undecided protection visa application before the Department.
- b. A review application before: the AAT or the IAA.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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AE22-132 - Immigration detainees, subject to protection, under review

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Answer:

The determination of whether a person in immigration detention has previously had a protection finding within the meaning of s197C(4), (5), (6) of the *Migration Act 1958* is dependent on a case by case assessment of previous protection visa decisions. It is not possible to answer the question without a manual interrogation of each record, which would constitute an unreasonable diversion of resources.

In terms of those who are have current claims regarding protection, as at 31 January 2022, there were 91 people in held immigration detention with an undecided protection visa application before the Department (subclasses 785, 790 or 866).

At at 31 January 2022 there were 32 people in held immigration detention with an application before the AAT or the IAA for review of a decision to refuse a protection visa (subclasses 785, 790 or 866).