

**Question on notice no. 732**

**Portfolio question number: AE24-732**

**2023-24 Additional estimates**

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio**

**Senator Nick McKim:** asked the Department of Home Affairs on 12 February 2024

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Of the asylum-seekers transferred to a regional processing country on or after 19 July 2013, please provide the current number of people:

- a. who are in Australia;
- b. who have been granted a visa, broken down by subclass;
- c. who are in the Australian community without a visa;
- d. who are permanent residents;
- e. who have been granted Australian citizenship;
- f. who are no longer considered as 'transitory persons';
- g. who are currently in a detention facility;
- h. who are under a residence determination;
- i. who have been found to be refugees;
- j. who are subject to an adverse security assessment by ASIO;
- k. who have returned to their country of origin, broken down by voluntary and involuntary;
- l. who have been resettled to a third country (broken down by destination country) ;
- m. who remain in a regional processing country;
- n. who are deceased.

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
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**Home Affairs Portfolio  
Department of Home Affairs**

**Program 2.4: UMA Offshore Management**

**AE24-732 - Transitory Persons - Breakdown after 19 July 2013**

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- j. who are subject to an adverse security assessment by ASIO;
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*Answer:*

Of the 3,150 unauthorised maritime arrivals taken to a regional processing country since 19 July 2013, and as at 31 December 2023:

- a. 1,005 were in Australia.
- b. 791 were in the Australian community with a visa in effect:
  - Less than 725 were on an Australian Subclass 050 (Bridging E) visa,
  - 35 were on a Subclass 790 (Safe Haven Enterprise) visa,
  - Less than five were on a Subclass 100 (Partner (Migrant) visa), and
  - Less than 35 were on a Subclass 851 (Resolution of Status) visa.
- c. 37 were in the Australian community without a visa, having held an expired Subclass 050 (Bridging E) visa.
- d. Less than 40 were permanent residents.
- e. Less than five were Australian citizens.

- f. 2,215 were no longer subject to regional processing arrangements.
- g. Less than five were in an immigration detention facility.
- h. 172 were in the Australian community under a residence determination.
- i. 2,120 were found to be refugees by a respective regional processing country.
- j. None were subject to an adverse security assessment by ASIO.
- k. 780\* were returned or removed to their country of origin. Of these:
  - 760 were voluntary; and
  - 20 were involuntary undertaken by a regional processing country under its domestic laws.
- l. 1,224\*\* persons were resettled in a third country:
  - 1,040 resettled in the United States,
  - Seven resettled in Cambodia,
  - 92 resettled in New Zealand, and
  - 85 resettled in other third countries.

Note: Other resettlement outcomes are not facilitated by the Department of Home Affairs.
- m. 16 were in Nauru, and 105\*\*\* individuals were in PNG at 31 December 2021 (excluding less than 5 individuals incarcerated).
- n. 16 are deceased.

\*Figures exclude less than five individuals voluntarily returned to a third country.

\*\*This figure does not include 13 individuals resettled in the United States from PNG after 31 December 2021.

\*\*\*Effective 31 December 2021, Australia's regional processing association with PNG ended, with arrangements transitioning to the PNG Government's independent management. The residual PNG population is not included in the overall regional processing caseload and is not actively monitored or reported.