

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Bartlett asked:

Can you provide details of how many of the asylum seekers sent to Nauru are now on permanent protection visas? What are the other categories of visas that have been granted to them?

Answer:

DIMA systems as at 3 November 2006 indicate that some 170 asylum seekers who were processed in Nauru were granted a permanent protection visa as a result of their application for further protection after arrival in Australia.

The following other visa categories have been granted to asylum seekers processed in Nauru since their arrival in Australia:

- Subclass 449 Humanitarian Stay (Temporary)
- Subclass 451 Secondary Movement Relocation (Temporary)
- Subclass 785 Temporary Protection
- Subclass 786 Temporary (Humanitarian Concern)
- Subclass 857 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme
- Subclass 820 Spouse (Extended Eligibility)