



Freedom of Information Request - FA 23/11/01044

Number of unlawful non-citizens removed* from Australia to Pacific Islands between 2013 and 31 December 2023											
Citizenship at Departure:	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 to 31 Dec 2023
Cook Islands	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji	37	49	96	52	85	109	77	18	10	29	41
Kiribati	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Papua New Guinea	10	19	30	60	29	42	38	17	7	12	42
Samoa	5	<5	5	<5	5	8	9	<5	<5	<5	9
Solomon Islands	12	12	16	<5	7	5	<5	<5	<5	<5	6
Tonga	17	24	21	48	33	56	31	7	0	17	36
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Vanuatu	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	2

Notes:

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs (internal documents).

Caveats:

- This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request.

- Regarding Immigration data, the Department's current policy is to mask numbers which are less than five as <5, noting we are reviewing the confidentiality method for the future.
- Current program year figures are subject to variation. The data is sourced from our global Departmental systems. There can be delays in transmission of information, therefore data for current program year should always be considered provisional.
- *Non-citizens who do not hold valid visas – unlawful non-citizens – are liable for detention and removal from Australia as soon as reasonably practicable. Section 198 of the Migration Act 1958 (the Act) provides the power under which the Australian Border Force remove unlawful non-citizens from Australia. While there is a power to deport a non-citizen who has been issued a deportation order under section 200 of the Act, it is a power that is very rarely used and has not been used for a number of years.