



Freedom of Information Access Request – FA 25/09/00307

Table 1: Number of Medical Transfers to Australia from Nauru and Papua New Guinea from 1 August 2012 to 30 March 2020

Calendar Year/Month	Nauru	Papua New Guinea	Total
2012	5	0	5
August	0	0	0
September	0	0	0
October	0	0	0
November	<5	0	<5
December	<5	0	<5
2013	49	43	92
January	0	<5	<5
February	<5	0	<5
March	7	20	27
April	<5	<5	<5
May	7	14	21
June	8	0	8
July	7	0	7
August	<5	0	<5
September	<5	0	<5
October	5	0	5
November	<5	<5	5
December	<5	<5	7
2014	313	47	360
January	<15	<5	15
February	8	6	14
March	<25	<5	28
April	<20	<5	18
May	<25	<5	26

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June	<20	<5	21
July	<20	<5	19
August	51	7	58
September	43	5	48
October	<40	<5	43
November	49	5	54
December	<15	<5	16
2015	216	29	245
January	<55	<5	54
February	54	7	61
March	24	5	29
April	27	5	32
May	<40	<5	38
June	<10	<5	12
July	7	0	7
August	<5	<5	<5
September	<5	0	<5
October	<5	<5	<5
November	<5	0	<5
December	0	<5	<5
2016	60	13	73
January	11	0	11
February	0	<5	<5
March	<5	<5	<5
April	<15	<5	11
May	<15	<5	12
June	<5	<5	<5
July	<5	<5	<5
August	<5	<5	<5
September	6	0	6
October	0	0	0
November	9	0	9
December	<10	<5	7
2017	<30	<10	37

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January	<5	<5	5
February	<5	<5	<5
March	7	0	7
April	0	0	0
May	<5	<5	<5
June	<5	<5	<5
July	0	<5	<5
August	<5	<5	<5
September	<5	0	<5
October	0	0	0
November	5	0	5
December	<5	<5	<5
2018	410	7	417
January	<5	0	<5
February	<5	0	<5
March	<5	0	<5
April	6	0	6
May	<5	0	<5
June	<5	0	<5
July	22	0	22
August	38	0	38
September	<50	<5	48
October	<165	<5	165
November	<85	<5	83
December	<45	<5	43
2019	136	203	339
January	<20	<5	20
February	29	5	34
March	24	6	30
April	<15	<5	14
May	10	8	18
June	<5	<20	21
July	8	42	50
August	13	39	52

September	<5	<20	17
October	12	14	26
November	5	42	47
December	<5	<10	10
2020	<35	<5	35
January	0	<5	<5
February	<35	0	<35
March	0	0	0
Total	1,251	352	1,603

Table 2: Number of Medical Transfers to Port Moresby and Taiwan from Nauru for Medical Reasons from 1 July 2015 to 30 March 2020

Calendar Year/Month	Port Moresby	Taiwan	Total
2015	<55	0	<55
July	10	0	10
August	15	0	15
September	11	0	11
October	<10	0	<10
November	11	0	11
December	<5	0	<5
2016	45	0	45
January	14	0	14
February	5	0	5
March	<5	0	<5
April	9	0	9
May	0	0	0
June	<5	0	<5
July	0	0	0
August	0	0	0
September	11	0	11
October	0	0	0
November	0	0	0
December	0	0	0

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2017	18	0	18
January	<5	0	<5
February	0	0	0
March	<5	0	<5
April	0	0	0
May	<5	0	<5
June	<5	0	<5
July	<5	0	<5
August	<5	0	<5
September	<5	0	<5
October	0	0	0
November	<5	0	<5
December	0	0	0
2018	<5	<25	26
January	0	<5	<5
February	0	<5	<5
March	<5	<5	5
April	<5	<5	<5
May	0	0	0
June	0	<5	<5
July	0	<5	<5
August	0	<5	<5
September	0	0	0
October	0	<5	<5
November	0	0	0
December	0	<5	<5
2019	0	14	14
January	0	<5	<5
February	0	0	0
March	0	0	0
April	0	<5	<5
May	0	0	0
June	0	0	0
July	0	<5	<5

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August	0	<5	<5
September	0	0	0
October	0	0	0
November	0	0	0
December	0	<5	<5
2020	0	<5	<5
January	0	<5	<5
February	0	0	0
March	0	0	0
Total	120	38	158

Notes:

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs (internal documents)
2. Table 1: Includes persons transferred for medical purposes and accompanying family.
3. Table 1: Includes medical transfers from Nauru and Papua New Guinea to Australia under transfer type 198B and transfer type 198E & s198G of the now repealed medevac provisions.
4. Table 1: Excludes babies born onshore.
5. Table 2: Includes persons transferred for medical purposes and accompanying family.
6. The above figures are based on departmental systems data as of 5 September 2025.

Caveats:

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