

Australia creates temporary visas for refugees

Australia's Senate has passed a law approving new temporary visas for refugees, allowing them to stay and work in the country for up to five years but denying them permanent residency

DETENTION FACILITIES (number of detained people as of Oct 31, 2014)



TOTAL REFUGEE NUMBERS

People in detention, including offshore processing centres	5,235
Men	3,780
Women	729
Children	726

Living in community, awaiting residence determination	3,107
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Living in community, on bridging visas	25,057
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Refugees – mainly from Iran, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Vietnam – travel to Australia's Christmas Island by boat from Indonesia

