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) PACIFIC Manus Island OCFAN 1.056 Nauru 1.095 1000km 620 miles **PAPUA** Christmas Wickham NEW Island Cocos Point **GUINEA** 570 (Keeling) 204 Islands and Christmas Island AUSTRALIA 227 Yongah Hill Adelaide Brisbane 78 INDIAN 352 OCEAN Perth 45 16 Sydney 50 Detention Maribyrnong centres Villawood 333 110

Residential housing. transit accommodation Melbourne 225

or alternative places of detention

Offshore processing centres

Housed elsewhere on mainland 852

TOTAL REFUGEE NUMBERS People in detention,

Men

Women

Children

including offshore processing centres 5,235 3.780

729 726

Living in community, awaiting residence determination 3,107

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on bridging visas 25,057 Refugees - mainly from Iran, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Vietnam - travel to Australia's Christmas Island by boat from Indonesia

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