Assessing asylum claims for members of the ‘Legacy Caseload’

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Lives on hold:
Refugees and asylum seekers
in the ‘Legacy Caseload’
2019
Legacy Caseload: refugee status & review stages

- Awaiting primary decision
- Awaiting merits review
- Awaiting JR, Minister or removal
- Received temporary visa (TPV or SHEV)

Source: Dept of Home Affairs (September 2019)
Delays in processing
Prolonged delays have had a negative impact on mental health

Legal advice
Not eligible for free Government-funded legal advice

'Fast track' process
New merits review process has insufficient safeguards

87% of decisions are affirmed under the fast track review process (compared to around 20% previously)

Children and families
Negative impact on the wellbeing of families and children

Source: Australian Human Rights Commission, ‘Lives on hold’ report
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