



## Going, going, gone

Morally and fiscally indefensible wastage

The 2021-22 Budget has slashed the main source of government assistance for people seeking asylum with further cuts to the Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS).

Yet, this same budget continued massive expenditure for “detention and compliance”:



So, support for people seeking asylum who are in the community is 2.6 cents for every dollar spent imprisoning people in Australia seeking asylum, or 4.4 cents for every dollar spent incarcerating people seeking asylum in Manus Island or Nauru.



Combined, the 2021-22 budget for locking up people seeking asylum is over 62 times greater than supporting their integration into and contribution to our community.



The reduction in the SRSS is admittedly defrayed by the government breaking its 2013 promise to increase the refugee programme — the ceiling remains at 13,750.

**What your dollars do:** as the government’s meagre support for people seeking asylum is clawed back, Bridge for Asylum Seekers’ donors are the only hope for 100s of families.

### Bridge welcomes Kate Jones to our committee

As a social worker employed by government departments and NGOs, Kate works directly with families impacted by poverty, chronic ill health and disability.

Her expertise greatly adds to our understanding of the trauma asylum seekers face from being persecuted for their ethnicity and beliefs.

**203**

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**52**

were children facing destitution without us

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