



To Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

Subject Further advice on the composition of the 2018-19 Humanitarian Program

Timing By 30 November 2018 to allow the Department of Home Affairs to plan for and allocate the necessary resources to deliver the Program for 2018-19.

Recommendations

That you:

1. note the size of the 2018-19 Humanitarian Program is set by legislative instrument at 18,750 places; noted / please discuss

2. agree to settings for the offshore and onshore programs:
 - a) 17,100 offshore places, with:
 - i. 9,458 in the refugee stream; agreed / not agreed
 - ii. 6,642 in the Special Humanitarian Program (SHP); agreed / not agreed
 - iii. 1,000 in the Community Support Program (CSP); agreed / not agreed
 - b) the remaining 1,650 places for people who arrive in Australia lawfully and engage Australia's international protection obligations; agreed / not agreed

3. agree, with regard to the offshore Program, to resettle refugees from the following overseas regions (with further detail at Attachment A):
 - (a) Middle East region: 8,523 places (49.8 per cent) agreed / not agreed
 - (b) Asia region: 3,650 places (21.3 per cent) agreed / not agreed
 - i. with scope to include a small number of places (<150) for Afghans in Iran at an advanced stage of processing to finalise this caseload; agreed / not agreed

(c) Africa region: 3,627 places (21.2 per cent)

agreed / not agreed

- i. with scope to include a small, new caseload of suitable Eritreans and Ethiopians from Libya and Niger to assist international efforts to address irregular migration;

agreed / not agreed

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(e) CSP places: 1,000 places (5.9 per cent)

agreed / not agreed

- i. allocated from the above priority regions on a demand-driven basis;

agreed / not agreed

4. note that these decisions will result in 2,708 places within the overall program for members of the Yazidi (1908), Bhutanese (400) and Baha'i (400) communities;

noted / please discuss

5. note that on the basis of the recommended allocations, the Department of Social Services (DSS) expects to settle 40 per cent of entrants in a regional location;

noted / please discuss

6. agree that, in prioritising entrants for resettlement from the above offshore regions:

a) 15 per cent of the offshore Program will be set aside for vulnerable women, children and unaccompanied minors;

agreed / not agreed

b) up to 4,000 places will be managed as a global contingency reserve until 31 January 2019;

agreed / not agreed

- i. if there is no need to use the contingency reserve, the department will allocate places according to the guidance you have provided above;

agreed / not agreed

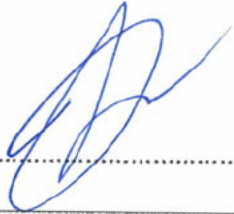
7. with regard to policy settings governing the CSP, we recommend that you retain the requirement that CSP entrants are selected in line with the priorities and parameters for the overall offshore Program;

agreed / not agreed

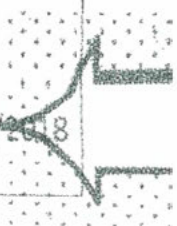
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Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

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Date: 20 / 11 / 2018





Minister's Comments				
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Key Issues

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Program Size and Composition

2. The minimum number of visas to be granted under the 2018-19 Humanitarian Program is set by legislative instrument at 18,750 places. We recommend allocating 1,650 places for the onshore (Permanent Protection visa) stream of the Program, to manage the number of lawful arrivals expected to engage Australia's international protection obligations, and 17,100 places for the offshore resettlement component. This would be a similar proportional split to the 2017-18 Program.

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Offshore Program

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Proposed Allocations

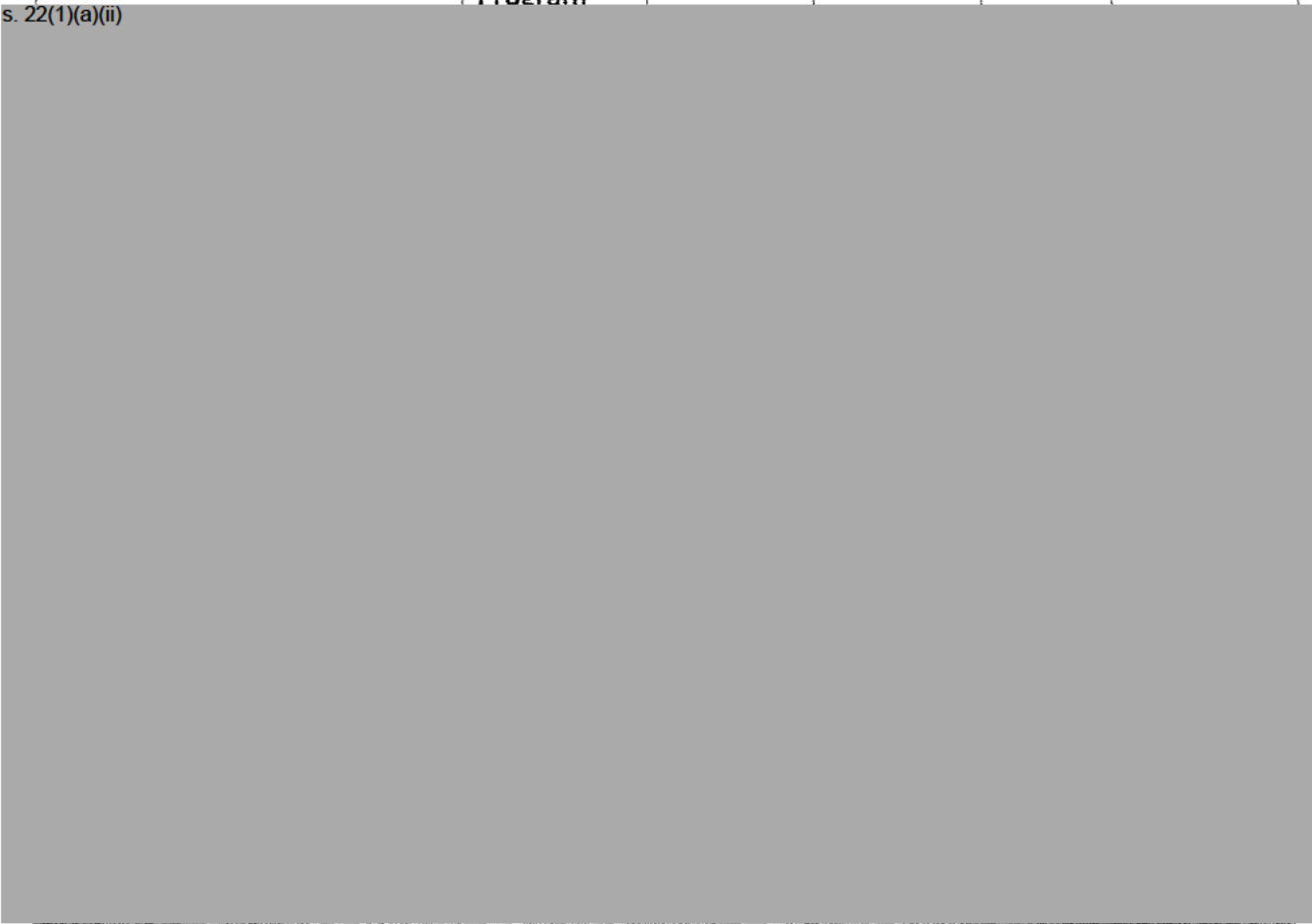
5. We recommend places be distributed to the priority regions and streams as set out in the table below. Within regions, caseload estimates may be adjusted to reflect the Department's ability to source and process applications. The Department will brief you on progress towards delivery of the Program by March 2019. Detailed advice on proposed allocations for specific caseloads is at [Attachment A](#).



OFFSHORE PROGRAM – PLANNING LEVELS

Region	Per cent of offshore Program	Refugee places	SHP places	CSP	Total places
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TOTAL	18,750
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii), s. 47C(1)



Selecting caseloads with stronger settlement outcomes

Bhutanese

8. The Department has sourced the maximum number of referrals for this caseload from UNHCR. s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

[Redacted]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

[Redacted]

Baha'i

11. The Department proposes s. 47C(1)

[Redacted]

s. 33(a)(iii)

[Redacted]

Yazidis

s. 47C(1)

[Redacted]

s. 47E(d)

[Redacted]

Increased Refugee stream allocations, including for vulnerable women

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

16. In recent years, at least 10 per cent of the offshore allocation has been specifically set aside for a priority caseload of vulnerable women (those without the protection of a male relative), their children and unaccompanied minors. We will increase the allocation for this cohort to 15 per cent of places across the Refugee stream visas.

Increased regional settlement

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

[REDACTED]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

[REDACTED]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

[REDACTED]

Community Support Program

21. We recommend that the 1,000 places allocated for the CSP be managed separately to the broader offshore Program. Given the program is still maturing, we recommend continuing to align this program to the policy parameters applying to the Program as a whole ^{s. 34(3)}

[REDACTED]

22. As in 2017-18, we recommend that any unused CSP places be re-distributed to the SHP. These places would be allocated in line with the policy parameters and priorities applying to that program.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Background

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Client service implications

30. N/A.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Attachments

Attachment A Proposed composition of the 2018-19 Humanitarian Program

Attachment B Letter to Minister for Foreign Affairs

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Attachment D MS18-002133 – 2018-19 Humanitarian Program Composition

Attachment E 2018-19 Humanitarian Program Statistics

s. 33(a)(iii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 47E(d)

s. 33(a)(iii)

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Proposed 2018-19 Humanitarian Program regional and caseload allocations

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Commitments for Protracted Situations

3. During the September 2016 Summit on Refugees in New York, former Prime Minister Turnbull committed Australia to dedicating a minimum number of Humanitarian Program places over three years to displaced people from specific protracted situations. Consistent with this announcement, in 2017-18 Minister Dutton agreed to the below allocations.

Caseload	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Syrians	3500	3500	3500
Iraqis	4550	4550	4550
Congolese (DRC)	1000	1000	1000
Eritreans	500	500	500

s. 47C(1)

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Total	100	9,458	6,642	1,000	17,100
ONSHORE PROGRAM					1,650
TOTAL					18,750

6. Places for the Community Support Program are not allocated to specific regions but are only available for priority caseloads.

Middle East

s. 47C(1)

Yazidis

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s. 47C(1)

[Redacted]

Syrians

s. 47C(1)

[Redacted]

Other caseloads

s. 47C(1)

[Redacted]

Asia

18. Proposed caseloads include:

s. 47C(1)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

[Redacted]

Afghans

s. 47C(1)

[Redacted]

Other caseloads

24. We recommend continuing to provide small numbers of places for s. 47C(1)

[Redacted]

Africa

25. Proposed caseloads include people from:

s. 47C(1)

[Redacted]

26. Resettlement need is greatest in the Africa region, with many refugees in situations of protracted displacement after fleeing civil war, dictatorships and ethnic or religious persecution. We recommend allocating s. 47C(1)

[Redacted]

s. 33(a)(iii)

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Proposed 2018-19 Humanitarian Program Composition

Region/Program	Refugee	SHP	TOTAL	Percentage of offshore program (excluding CSP)	Total grants delivered 2017-18 offshore program	Change from 2017-18 as % of offshore program
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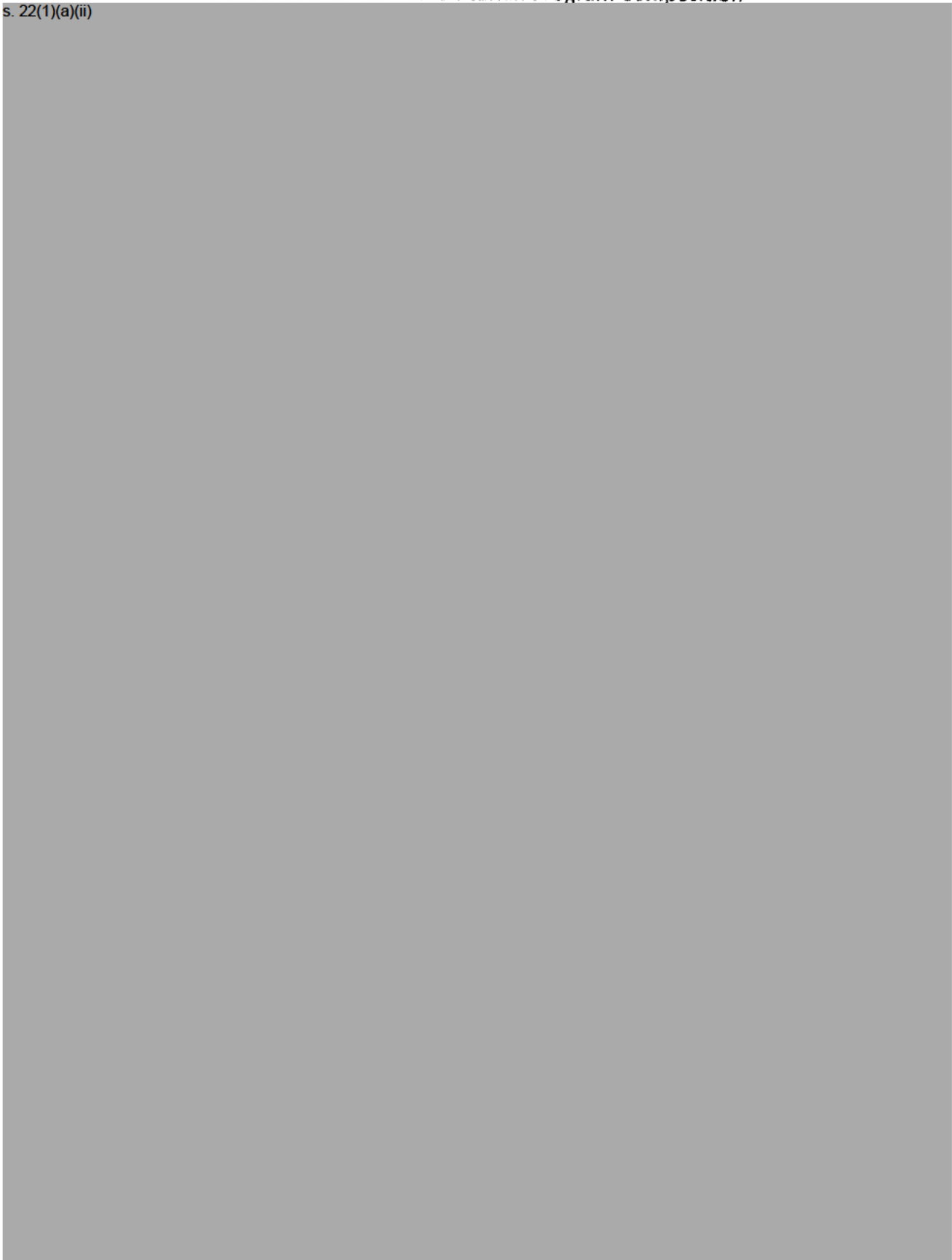
* There were 326 grants under the closed Community Proposal Pilot (CPP) Program included in SHP data for relevant regions





Delivered 2017-18 Humanitarian Program Composition

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)





**THE HON DAVID COLEMAN MP
MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP AND
MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Ref No: MS18-009577

Senator the Hon Marise Payne
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am writing to you to provide you with an overview of priorities for the 2018-19 Humanitarian Program.

In 2018-19, the Humanitarian Program will increase to 18,750 places, with a notional allocation of 17,100 places for the offshore resettlement component and the remaining places for the onshore protection component.

Of the 17,100 places available under the offshore component of the Program, I intend that 9,458 places be available for the Refugee category, 6,642 places for the Special Humanitarian Program (SHP) category and 1,000 places for the Community Support Program.

I intend that the regional intake under the offshore component focus on the priority regions of s. 47C(1) [REDACTED] :

s. 47C(1) [REDACTED]

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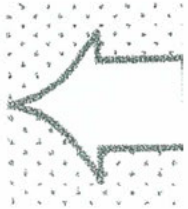


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Kind regards

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20 / 11 / 2018





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The Hon Paul Fletcher MP
Minister for Families and Social Services
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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