

Text messages to **s. 47F(1)**

Thu 13 Oct 12pm – Richard hasn't heard back from Andrew so anything you could do to move things along would be appreciated.

Wed 26 Oct 5:06pm – Can you text me when you send the statement and TPs . I want to ensure I get them out to agencies tonight so we can get them back to you tomorrow,

Thu 27 Oct 6:37pm

Have sent the statement. Just working through TP feedback now so I give you red lines.

Followup text

I am attempting to send you the edited version of the statement on my phone at least with more fulsome comments to follow.

Sat 29 Oct 11:10am

Just checking on ETA – sorry to bother you

Followup

We have it with web for urgent upload. Will confirm when live

Followup

Live now –will email link

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Just following up on these materials.

Attorney-General's Department has advised that their office have provided comments/
suggested messaging – AGD has advised that their office discuss directly with your office.

Regards,

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Andrew

As discussed, for urgent attention and clearance please.

Thanks

Sara Vrh

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Hi s. 47F(1) Andrew and s. 47F(1)

Please find attached, as discussed with s. 47F(1) a suite of media statements and talking points for use at various stages of s. 47E(d) or your consideration and consultation with AGO, MFAO and PMO.

These have been drafted and consulted with agencies – AFP, AGD, ASIO, DFAT and PM&C – on the basis they are used for comment at specified stages of the operation to ensure the safety of those involved.

We urge you to ensure any materials are fact checked with us prior to release to protect those involved. This will be extra important if you intend to make statements ahead of what is recommended in the Communication Plan, which has been developed with agencies involved.

In regard to TPs, we would be grateful if you could note TPs once offices are agreed so we can ensure consistent messaging across agencies.

For use now and over the first phase of the operation

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- **DRAFT TPs – Australians in camps in Syria v16** – these answer some of the broader questions about control orders etc. New content since the last version issued in August is highlighted yellow

For use in phase 2 once the cohort are out of country (and ideally wheels up) as per Communication Plan

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- **PROTECTED DRAFT Media statement – acknowledgement**
- **PROTECTED DRAFT TPs – Repatriation from Syria – post acknowledgement**

For use after arrival in Australia, once they have cleared the airport

- **PROTECTED DRAFT Media Statement – post arrival**

For your background and oversight

- **PROTECTED Draft Communication Plan – 3 October – this has been updated from the initial plan we provided.**

Regards,

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TALKING POINTS

Subject	ISIL-linked Australians in detention and internally displaced persons camps in Syria	
Date	3 October 2022	Version 16
Type	Whole of Government	
Media Officer:	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	Media Ph: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

ISSUE

Australians in detention and internally displaced persons camps in Syria remain the subject of ongoing coverage in Australian media.

TALKING POINTS

- The Australian Government is deeply concerned about Australia-linked women and children in the internally displaced persons camps (IDP) in northeast Syria.
- Long-term solutions that are in the best interests of the women and children as well as the Australian community, is critical and sensitive work.
 - There are many security, diplomatic, community and welfare considerations that need to be addressed.
- The Australian government's overriding priority is the protection of Australians and Australia's national interest, informed by national security advice.
- As this matter also raises critical national security considerations and other sensitive matters, we cannot comment further.

If asked: Will the Government repatriate ISIL-linked Australians from Syria?

- Repatriations require a whole-of-government approach and the balancing of risks.
 - There are many security, diplomatic, community and welfare considerations that need to be addressed.
- Our approach is driven by national security considerations, and as such, we cannot comment further.

If asked: Is the Government currently engaged in repatriating ISIL-linked Australians from Syria?

- The Australian government's overriding priority is the protection of Australians and Australia's national interest, informed by national security advice.
- As this matter also raises critical national security considerations and other sensitive matters, we cannot comment further.

If asked: Will the Government repatriate all the ISIL-linked Australians from Syria?

- Repatriations require a whole-of-government approach and the balancing of risks.
 - There are many security, diplomatic, community and welfare considerations that need to be addressed.
- Our approach is driven by national security and safety considerations, and as such, we cannot comment further.

If asked: How does the Government respond to reports that Australian officials are present in the camps collecting DNA and other biographical information?

- We will neither confirm nor comment on particular engagements by Australian officials to protect their safety.

If asked: Doesn't the collection of DNA suggest a repatriation is underway?

- Repatriations require a whole-of-government approach and the balancing of risks.
- There are many security, diplomatic, community and welfare considerations that need to be addressed
- We will neither confirm nor comment on particular engagements by Australian officials to protect their safety.

If asked: How does the Government respond to reports that Australian officials are present in the camps interviewing people?

- We will neither confirm nor comment on particular engagements by Australian officials to protect their safety.

If asked: If these officials were not consular officials, who were they?

- To protect the safety and security of Australian officials I cannot comment.

If asked: How many Australians are being held in Syria?

- We are unable to provide a definitive number of Australia-linked men, women and children in detention facilities and internally displaced persons camps in northeast Syria.
 - Of the approximately 65 Australia-linked men and women known to still be offshore, it is difficult to confirm how many are in detention facilities and camps.
 - There are approximately 50 Australian or Australia-linked children in the camps.
- The Australian Government does not comment on the circumstances of individuals due to privacy considerations.

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If asked: Will the Government favour the welfare of ISIL-fighters' families, over the safety of the Australian community?

- The matter of women and children in internally displaced persons camps raises very real humanitarian and welfare issues, as well as security considerations.
- Considering effective long-term solutions that are in the best interests of the women and children as well as the Australian community, is critical and sensitive work.

Australia's security and the safety of the Australian community are paramount.

If asked: Is the Government aware of any unaccompanied minors or orphans with family links to Australia in the camps?

- The Government does not comment on the circumstances of individuals due to privacy considerations.

If asked: Aren't there people amongst those Australians in Syria, who pose a threat to Australia's safety?

- The Australian Government has a range of measures that can be considered to manage Australians who pose a terrorism risk.
 - Measures include control orders, disengagement programs and criminal charges.
- There are many security, diplomatic, community and welfare considerations that need to be addressed, as part of any consideration of repatriation.
- Our approach is driven by national security considerations and the national security of Australia.

If asked: Could Australian men and women voluntarily subject themselves to control orders 'by consent' if they returned to Australia?

- Under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*, control orders can only be made by a court, and there is no provision for control orders to be made on the basis of an individual's consent.
- The Australian Federal Police will consider applying for a control order in circumstances where the order will assist to protect the Australian public from a terrorist act, or prevent the provision of support for or facilitation of a terrorist act, or engagement in a hostile activity in a foreign country.

If asked: What does it mean for children of foreign terrorist fighters if their parents have lost Australian citizenship?

- Under current laws, there is no consequential loss of Australian citizenship for a child if the parent loses Australian citizenship due to acts in support of terrorism.
- A child born outside Australia may be eligible to become an Australian citizen by descent if at the time of their birth they had a parent who was an Australian citizen.

- If the application is approved, the child becomes an Australian citizen from the date of approval (not from birth).

If asked: What about children who were born in Syria? How would it be determined that they have a right to Australian citizenship?

- A child born outside Australia may be eligible to become an Australian citizen by descent.
- The Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, or their delegate, must also be satisfied of the identity of the child if an application is to be approved.
- Where documentary evidence of the parent child relationship is lacking, unreliable or any concerns exist, DNA testing may be requested to satisfy the decision-maker that the child had an Australian citizen parent at the time of their birth.

Conditions in internally displaced persons camps and Australian assistance

- We remain deeply concerned about the health and safety of those in the camps due to the reported conditions in the camps.
- We are partnering with humanitarian agencies who have the mandate and expertise to deliver assistance to affected populations, including Australians, in the form of healthcare and other critical needs.
- Australia has provided around \$525 million to the Syria response since 2011.
- Inside Syria in 2021-22, Australian funding supported the provision of healthcare for the most vulnerable.
 - Funding of \$2 million for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to provide critical support for people suffering from gender-based violence and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights.
 - Funding of \$2 million for the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to improve access to healthcare, nutrition and child protection services.

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TALKING POINTS

Subject	Repatriation from Syria – post acknowledgement	
Date	3 October 2022	Version 1
Type	Whole of Government	
Media Officer	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	Media Ph s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

ISSUE

Australians in detention and internally displaced persons camps in Syria remain the subject of ongoing coverage in Australian media.

TALKING POINTS – OFFICIAL ONCE STATEMENT ISSUED

- The Australian Government is assisting four Australian women and 13 Australian children to return from an internally displaced persons camp in Syria.
- This reflects the Australian Government's desire to find effective long-term solutions that are in the best interests of the Australian community, as well as the women and children.
- Government has carefully considered the range of security, diplomatic, community and welfare factors in making the decision to repatriate.
- All repatriations are voluntary and undertaken with the informed consent of the individuals.
- At all times our focus has been the safety and security of all Australians as well as the safety of those involved in the operation.
- Repatriating this group of four women and 13 children, reflects a managed approach that balances the need to protect the Australian public while ensuring the best possible opportunity to deal with trauma and integrate children into life in Australia
- The safety of Australians and the protection of Australia's national interests remains our overriding priority.
 - We continue to have concerns for Australia-linked women and children who remain in Syria.
- No further details of the repatriation will be provided at this time to protect the safety and security of those involved.

If asked: When and where will these people arrive in Australia?

- In order to protect the safety of all those involved, I will not discuss operational details.

If asked: Doesn't this mean the Government favours the welfare of ISIL-fighters' families, over the safety of the Australian community?

- Australia's security and the safety of the Australian community are paramount.

- Repatriating this group of four women and 13 children, reflects a managed approach that balances the need to protect the Australian public while ensuring the best possible opportunity to deal with trauma and integrate children into life in Australia.
- Where those being repatriated have allegedly breached Australian law, they will be investigated by the Joint Counter Terrorism Teams and where appropriate may be prosecuted.

If asked: Why can't we just leave these people in the camps or ban them from returning to Australia?

- Australia's security and the safety of the Australian community are paramount.
- Australian citizens have a legal right to enter Australia.
- Repatriating this group of four women and 13 children, reflects a managed approach that balances the need to protect the Australian public while ensuring the best possible opportunity to deal with trauma and integrate children into life in Australia.
- Where those being repatriated have breached Australian law, they will be dealt with by law enforcement.

If asked: Aren't there people amongst those Australians in Syria, who pose a threat to Australia's safety?

- The Australian Government has a range of measures that can be considered to manage Australians who pose a terrorism risk.
 - Measures include control orders, disengagement programs and criminal charges.
- Australia's security and the safety of the Australian community are paramount.

Do any of the women and children being repatriated pose a risk to Australia's safety?

- Australia's security and the safety of the Australian community are paramount.
- Repatriations require a whole-of-government approach and the balancing of risks
 - This includes assessing security risks.
- Repatriating this group of four women and 13 children, reflects a managed approach that balances the need to protect the Australian public while ensuring the best possible opportunity to deal with trauma and integrate children into life in Australia.

If asked: Will the Government repatriate all the ISIL-linked Australians from the IDP camps in Syria? When will the next cohort of women and children come home?

- Repatriations require a whole-of-government approach and the balancing of risks.
 - There are many security, diplomatic, community and welfare considerations that need to be addressed.

- Our approach is driven by national security and safety considerations, and as such, we cannot comment further.

If asked: Why didn't the Australian Government repatriate all the ISIL-linked Australians from the IDP camps in Syria?

- We remain concerned about the remaining Australia-linked women and children in the internally displaced persons camps.
- Repatriations require a whole-of-government approach and the balancing of risks.
 - There are many security, diplomatic, community and welfare considerations that need to be addressed.
- Repatriating this group of four women and 13 children, reflects a managed approach that balances the need to protect the Australian public while ensuring the best possible opportunity to deal with trauma and integrate children into life in Australia.

If asked: What support will be put in place to rehabilitate Australian children who have lived in the Syrian IDP camps?

- These families will be supported by a full range of services to assist them to become part of the community.
- The Australian Government does not comment on the circumstances of individuals due to privacy considerations.

If asked: Was the Australian Government aware of health issues affecting the children in the camps?

- Repatriations require a whole-of-government approach and the balancing of risks
 - This includes consideration of health concerns.
- The Australian Government does not comment on the circumstances of individuals due to privacy considerations.

If asked: Who was involved in the operation? What were they doing on the ground in Syria? Did they collect DNA samples to prove identity?

- In order to protect the safety of all those involved, I will not discuss operational details.
- We will neither confirm nor comment on particular engagements by Australian officials to protect their safety.

If asked: If these officials were not consular officials, who were they?

- To protect the safety and security of Australian officials I cannot comment.

If asked: Why were families not notified of plans to return their relatives once Government had made a decision?

- The Australian Government does not comment on the circumstances of individuals due to privacy considerations.
- As such, I will not comment on the details of engagement with family members.

If asked: How many Australians remain in the Al Roj camp in Syria? How many have you confirmed as Australians?

- There are approximately 40 Australian or Australia-linked children remaining in the IDP camps.
- The Australian Government does not comment on the circumstances of individuals due to privacy considerations.

If asked: How many Australians are being held in Syria?

- We are unable to provide a definitive number of Australia-linked men, women and children in detention facilities and internally displaced persons camps in northeast Syria.
 - Of the approximately 60 Australia-linked men and women known to still be offshore, it is difficult to confirm how many are in detention facilities and camps.
 - There are approximately 40 Australian or Australia-linked children in the camps.
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If asked: Is the Government aware of any unaccompanied minors or orphans with family links to Australia in the camps?

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If asked: Could the adult women voluntarily subject themselves to control orders 'by consent'?

- Under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*, control orders can only be made by a court, and there is no provision for control orders to be made on the basis of an individual's consent.
- The Australian Federal Police will consider applying for a control order in circumstances where the order will assist to protect the Australian public from a terrorist act, or prevent the provision of support for or facilitation of a terrorist act, or engagement in a hostile activity in a foreign country.

If asked: What about children who were born in Syria? How would it be determined that they have a right to Australian citizenship?

- A child born outside Australia may be eligible to become an Australian citizen by descent

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- Under current laws, there is no consequential loss of Australian citizenship for a child if the parent loses Australian citizenship due to acts in support of terrorism.
- A child born outside Australia may be eligible to become an Australian citizen by descent if at the time of their birth they had a parent who was an Australian citizen.
 - If the application is approved, the child becomes an Australian citizen from the date of approval (not from birth).

If asked: What is this operation costing? Will taxpayers foot the bill?

- Repatriating this group of four women and 13 children, provides a managed approach to protecting the Australian public while ensuring the best possible opportunity to deal with trauma and integrate children into Australian society.
- The costs of the operation and ongoing support need to be considered against the potential societal costs of a future unmanaged return.

Conditions in internally displaced persons camps and Australian assistance

- We remain deeply concerned about the health and safety of those in the camps due to the reported conditions in the camps.
- We are partnering with humanitarian agencies who have the mandate and expertise to deliver assistance to affected populations, including Australians, in the form of healthcare and other critical needs.
- Australia has provided around \$525 million to the Syria response since 2011.
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**THE HON CLARE O'NEIL MP
MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
MINISTER FOR CYBER SECURITY**

MEDIA STATEMENT

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DAY, MONTH, YEAR

AUSTRALIANS ASSISTED TO LEAVE SYRIAN CAMPS

The Australian Government is assisting four Australian women and 13 Australian children to return from an internally displaced persons camps in Syria.

This reflects the Australian Government's desire to find effective long-term solutions that are in the best interests of the Australian community, as well as the women and children.

Government has carefully considered the range of security, diplomatic, community and welfare factors in making the decision to repatriate.

All repatriations are voluntary and undertaken with the informed consent of the individuals.

At all times our focus has been the safety and security of all Australians as well as the safety of those involved in the operation.

Repatriating this group of four women and 13 children, reflects a managed approach that balances the need to protect the Australian public while ensuring the best possible opportunity to deal with trauma and integrate children into life in Australia.

The safety of Australians and the protection of Australia's national interests remains our overriding priority. We continue to have concerns for Australia-linked women and children who remain in Syria.

No further details of the repatriation will be provided at this time to protect the safety and security of those involved.

For further information: Minister's Office –



**THE HON CLARE O'NEIL MP
MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
MINISTER FOR CYBER SECURITY**

MEDIA STATEMENT

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DAY, MONTH, YEAR

AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES REPATRIATED FROM SYRIAN CAMPS

The Australian Government can confirm four Australian women and 13 Australian children have been repatriated to New South Wales from an Internally Displaced Persons Camp in Syria.

This reflects the Australian Government's desire to find effective long-term solutions that are in the best interests of the Australian community, as well as the women and children.

At all times our focus has been the safety and security of all Australians as well as the safety of those involved in the operation.

Repatriating this group of four women and 13 children, reflects a managed approach that balances the need to protect the Australian public while ensuring the best possible opportunity to deal with trauma and integrate children into Australian society.

These families will be supported by a full range of services from the New South Wales Government to assist them to become part of the community.

Where those being repatriated have allegedly breached Australian law, they will be investigated by the Joint Counter Terrorism Teams and where appropriate may be prosecuted.

The safety of Australians and the protection of Australia's national interests remains our overriding priority. We continue to have concerns for Australia-linked women and children who remain in Syria.

We are considering all relevant factors – which requires time. There are many security, diplomatic, community and welfare considerations that need to be addressed.

In order to give these four families the best chance of reintegrating into the community, particularly young children, some of whom have never known life outside the camps, we ask that they be afforded privacy.

For further information: Minister's Office –

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Hi s. 47F(1)

Please find attached the Talking points with feedback from across the same agencies consulted on the statement, including NSW DPC.

Once finalised at your end, appreciate if we could have the agreed/noted version back to share with agencies

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No problem s. 22(1)(a)(ii) All is well at our end.

Thanks so much for working so late on this. Everyone SO appreciative.

Best wishes,

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<s. 47E(d) [redacted] @homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: RE: s. 47E(d) statement[SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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I just need final clearance on the TPs and they should be with you soon.

Regards,
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

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Sent: Thursday, 27 October 2022 9:24 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Cc: Sara VRH s. 22(1) [redacted] <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>; Robert O'FARRELL
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] homeaffairs.gov.au>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>; s. 47E(d) [redacted]
s. 47E(d) [redacted] <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: Re: s. 47E(d) statement [SEC=OFFICIAL][SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Got it. Thanks so much
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Date: Thursday, 27 October 2022 at 9:00:31 pm
To: s. 47F(1) [redacted] <[redacted]@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>
Cc: "Sara VRH" s. 22(1)(a) [redacted] <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Robert O'FARRELL" s. 47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Tim ROY" s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>, "s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>, s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted] <[redacted]@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>, s. 47E(d) [redacted] <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: RE: S. 47E(d) [redacted] statement [SEC=OFFICIAL] [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Hi s. 47F(1) [redacted]

Please find attached the comments on the media statement. I am working through agency feedback on the TPs and hope to have that to you shortly.

This has been consulted with NSW DPC, DFAT, AGD PMC ASIO and AFP

Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

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Sent: Wednesday, 26 October 2022 5:30 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) over to you.

Best wishes,

[s. 47F\(1\)](#)

S. 47F(1)

Senior Media Adviser

Office of the Hon Clare O'Neil MP

Minister for Home Affairs

Minister for Cyber Security

M: [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s. 47F(1)
Cc: Richard FEAKES; Sara VRH; s. 47E(d)
Subject: RE: s. 47E(d) consolidated feedback on Media Statement[SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]
Date: Monday, 24 October 2022 11:26:00 AM
Attachments: image001.jpg

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Thanks – I don't know s. 47F(1) is she in the PMO team?

Regards,

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

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

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Sent: Monday, 24 October 2022 11:55 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) homeaffairs.gov.au>
Cc: Richard FEAKES s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>; Sara VRH s. 47E(c)@homeaffairs.gov.au>; s. 47E(d) s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: Re: s. 47E(d) - consolidated feedback on Media Statement[SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Went to s. 47F(1) yesterday for a final look. Expect her to send back today.

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Date: M
To: s. 47F(1) HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>
Cc: "Richard FEAKES" s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>, "Sara VRH"

s. 22(1)(a) @homeaffairs.gov.au>, s. 47E(d) "

s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>

Subject: RE: s. 47E(d) - consolidated feedback on Media Statement
[SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Hi s. 47F(1)

Just following up to see where these materials are up to?

Regards,

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

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

Sent: Thursday, 20 October 2022 12:53 PM

To: s. 47F(1) HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>

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s. 47E(c)

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s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>

Subject: RE: s. 47E(d) consolidated feedback on Media Statement [SEC=PROTECTED,
CAVEAT=SH:

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Excellent – thanks for the update!

Regards,

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

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s. 47F(1)
Cc: Richard FEAKES; Sara VRH; s. 47E(d)
Subject: RE s. 47E(d) - consolidated feedback on Media Statement [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]
Date: Tuesday, 25 October 2022 3:43:00 PM
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Hi s. 47F(1)

Thanks for the chat just now. As discussed, grateful if you could follow up with PMO for an ETA on the materials - TPs/Q&A and Media statement– as discussed the Department wants to work with NSW to ensure communications are aligned.

In the meantime, it would also be useful if we could get a copy of the materials that were sent to PMO. We won't share but it will give us an indication while we await PMO feedback

I know it is unlikely the Plan document will be updated but it would also be good to get an idea of timing of the media release.

My understanding is that the media statement will be issued post arrival (i.e. when they have cleared the airport).

Happy to discuss how that info is coming to your office (possibly direct to Andrew?) and if there is anything you need from me. I will also discuss this with operational people here.

Also just wanted to confirm that the intent is to continue with existing no comment lines until the statement is issued.

Regards,

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

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

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Sent: Monday, 24 October 2022 11:41 AM

To: s. 47F(1) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>

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s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: RE: s. 47E(d) - consolidated feedback on Media Statement [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Hi s. 47F(1)

Just following up to see where these materials are up to?

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

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To: s. 47F(1) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>
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Subject: RE: s. 47E(d) - consolidated feedback on Media Statement [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Excellent – thanks for the update!

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

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

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Cc: Richard FEAKES <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>; Sara VRH <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>; s. 47E(d) <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>; s. 47E(d) <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: RE: s. 47E(d) - consolidated feedback on Media Statement [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Hi [redacted] s. 22(1)(a)(ii) yes, it went to the PMO and AGO yesterday afternoon, as well as the Q&A.

Will come back to you on this hopefully tomorrow.

Best wishes,

s. 47F(1)
[redacted]

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Sent: Thursday, 20 October 2022 12:17 PM
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Subject: RE: s. 47E(d) consolidated feedback on Media Statement [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Hi [redacted] s. 47F(1)

Just checking that you are liaising with the PMO?

Also checking on an ETA on the Q&A for review/red lines?

Regards,

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

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

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Sent: Wednesday, 19 October 2022 12:54 PM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>

Cc: Richard FEAKES <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>

Subject: FW: s. 47E(d) - consolidated feedback on Media Statement [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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This is all good from our point of view.

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Sent: Wednesday, 19 October 2022 12:52 PM

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Minor typo corrected

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No further comment from me.

Thanks

s. 47F(1)

s. 47F(1)

Deputy Chief of Staff

Office of the Hon Clare O'Neil MP
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Subject: s. 47E(d) consolidated feedback on Media Statement [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Hi s. 47F(1) Andrew and s. 47F(1)

Please find attached consolidated feedback on the below media release from Australian Government agencies – Home Affairs, ASIO, AFP, PM&C and DFAT - as well as NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

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AGD has not provided comment but have shared the draft statement with the AGO to settle any concerns directly with your office (as flagged yesterday, AGD has advised that AGO has proposed alternative messaging).

PM&C has advised that the PMO is expecting the media release, talking points and Communication Plan today.

We have advised that:

- we will provide consolidated feedback on the statement to your office and leave to you to liaise with PMO
- you are still working through the TPs and Communication Plan.

As discussed this morning, grateful if we could have the opportunity to run updated TPs/Plan through agencies, including NSW.

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

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

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Subject: RE: FOR NOTING - s. 47E(d) - TPs, Media Statements and Updated Communication Plan [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Hi All,

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Please find the topline below from our office, s. 47F(1) et al – grateful if we can realign all product to reflect the below. We only need one release, to be issued post arrival:

S. 47C(1)

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Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 11:26 AM

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Cc: Sara VRH s. 22(1) @homeaffairs.gov.au>; Richard FEAKES

<s. 47E(c) homeaffairs.gov.au>; Robert O'FARRELL

<@homeaffairs.gov.au>; Andrew DOWNES

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>; s. 47E(d)

s. 47E(d) @homeaffairs.gov.au>

Subject: RE: FOR NOTING s. 47E(d) TPs, Media Statements and Updated Communication Plan [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Yes – confirming I have a copy.

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Thanks,

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

National Security Adviser

Office of the Hon Clare O'Neil MP
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M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
E:

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Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 11:25 AM
To: s. 47F(1) <[redacted]@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>; s. 47F(1) <[redacted]@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>
Cc: Sara VRH <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>; Richard FEAKES <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>; Robert O'FARRELL <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>; Andrew DOWNES <[redacted]@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>; s. 47E(d) <[redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FOR NOTING - s. 47E(d) TPs, Media Statements and Updated Communication Plan [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Thanks s. 47F(1)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) - presuming you have the pack?

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

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

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Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 11:16 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[REDACTED]@homeaffairs.gov.au>; s. 47F(1) <[REDACTED]@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[REDACTED]@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[REDACTED]@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>
Cc: Sara VRH <[REDACTED]@homeaffairs.gov.au>; Richard FEAKES <[REDACTED]@homeaffairs.gov.au>; Robert O'FARRELL <[REDACTED]@homeaffairs.gov.au>; Andrew DOWNES <[REDACTED]@HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>; s. 47E(d) <[REDACTED]@homeaffairs.gov.au>
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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[REDACTED]>

Adding in s. 22(1)(a)(ii) <[REDACTED]> who will be the POC on this going forward.

Cheers,

s. 47F(1) <[REDACTED]>
National Security Adviser

Office of the Hon Clare O'Neil MP
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M s. 47F(1) <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: FOR NOTING - s. 47E(d) [redacted] TPs, Media Statements and Updated Communication Plan [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

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Hi s. 47F(1) [redacted]

Just following up on these materials.

Attorney-General's Department has advised that their office have provided comments/ suggested messaging – AGD has advised that their office discuss directly with your office.

Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

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Andrew

As discussed, for urgent attention and clearance please.

Thanks

Sara Vrh

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Subject: FOR NOTING - s. 47E(d)- TPs, Media Statements and Updated Communication Plan
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Hi s. 47F(1), Andrew and s. 22(1)

Please find attached, as discussed with s. 47F(1) a suite of media statements and talking points for use at various stages of s. 47E(d) for your consideration and consultation with AGO, MFAO and PMO.

These have been drafted and consulted with agencies – AFP, AGD, ASIO, DFAT and PM&C – on the basis they are used for comment at specified stages of the operation to ensure the safety of those involved.

We urge you to ensure any materials are fact checked with us prior to release to protect those involved. This will be extra important if you intend to make statements ahead of what is recommended in the Communication Plan, which has been developed with agencies involved.

In regard to TPs, we would be grateful if you could note TPs once offices are agreed so we can ensure consistent messaging across agencies.

For use now and over the first phase of the operation

- DRAFT TPs – Australians in camps in Syria v16 – these answer some of the broader

questions about control orders etc. New content since the last version issued in August is highlighted yellow

For use in phase 2 once the cohort are out of country (and ideally wheels up) as per Communication Plan

- PROTECTED DRAFT Media statement – acknowledgement
- PROTECTED DRAFT TPs – Repatriation from Syria – post acknowledgement

For use after arrival in Australia, once they have cleared the airport

- PROTECTED DRAFT Media Statement – post arrival

For your background and oversight

- PROTECTED Draft Communication Plan – 3 October – this has been updated from the initial plan we provided.

Regards,

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

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Subject: Re:[SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]
Date: Thursday, 27 October 2022 6:57:46 PM

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Hi s. 47F(1)

As discussws I am having systems issues so am having trouble sending so please find an edited version below and comments below. I will send through the version with tracked in comments and the comments on the TPS as soon as the system lets me.

The key advice relates to the removal of the reference to the children's ages in the first par - we think this is problematic because it could draw unnecessary attention to these children and raise cause risk for future operations it is also factually incorrect. NSW has advised that children s. 47F(1) and there are s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1)

There is a small but important change from ASIO to say that the decision was informed by advice rather than a result of advice

The other change is from AFP in describing the s. 47E(d) and any law enforcement activity

Edited statement below:

The Australian Government has repatriated four Australian women and their 13 Australian children to New South Wales from an Internally Displaced Persons Camp in Syria.

At all times the focus has been the safety and security of all Australians as well as the safety of those involved in the operation. Informed by national security advice, Government has carefully considered the range of security, diplomatic, community and welfare factors in making the decision to repatriate.

The decision to repatriate these women and their children was informed by individual assessments following detailed work by national security agencies.

The Government's decision follows similar repatriations by the United States—during both the Biden and Trump Administrations—as well as Italy, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, the United Kingdom, and most recently, Canada.

Allegations of unlawful activity will continue to be investigated by the NSW Joint Counter Terrorism Team, comprised of the Australian Federal Police, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, NSW Police and the NSW Crime Commission. Any identified offences may lead to law enforcement action being taken..

The New South Wales Government is providing extensive support services to assist these women and their children with reintegration alongside law enforcement engagement with these families.

As any further repatriation arrangements would involve sensitive national security considerations, the Government will not be making further comment.

For further information: Minister's Office –

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ver to you.

Best wishes,

s. 47F(1)

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Minister for Cyber Security

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Cc: Sara VRH; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Updated Syria MR [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Friday, 28 October 2022 11:07:26 AM
Attachments: [DRAFT MR Syria - PMO comments 0900 28 Oct.DOCX](#)

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Dear Andrew,

The revised Syria MR is cleared by Home Affairs and NSW colleagues.

Regards,

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Sara,

Can you please circulate within the JATF for clearance. We are planning on release later today. It's only a slight change to first par (we will adjust TPs accordingly as well)

The Australian Government has repatriated four Australian women and their 13 Australian children from an Internally Displaced Persons Camp in Syria for return to Australia

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Andrew Downes

Chief of Staff

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THE HON CLARE O'NEIL MP
MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
MINISTER FOR CYBER SECURITY

MEDIA STATEMENT

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DAY, MONTH, YEAR

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN REPATRIATED FROM SYRIAN CAMPS

The Australian Government has repatriated four Australian women and their 13 Australian children ~~to~~ s. 47B(a) from an Internally Displaced Persons Camp in Syria [for return to Australia](#).

At all times the focus has been the safety and security of all Australians as well as the safety of those involved in the operation. Informed by national security advice, Government has carefully considered the range of security, diplomatic, community and welfare factors in making the decision to repatriate.

The decision to repatriate these women and their children was informed by individual assessments following detailed work by national security agencies.

The Government's decision follows similar repatriations by the United States—during both the Biden and Trump Administrations—as well as Italy, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, the United Kingdom, and most recently, Canada.

Allegations of unlawful activity will continue to be investigated by the s. 47B(a) s. 47B(a) comprised of the Australian Federal Police, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, s. 47B(a) s. 47B(a) and the s. 47B(a). Any identified offences may lead to law enforcement action being taken.

The s. 47B(a) is providing extensive support services to assist these women and their children with reintegration alongside law enforcement engagement with these families.

~~As any further repatriation arrangements would involve sensitive national security considerations, the Government will not be making further comment.~~

For further information: Minister's Office –

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Date: Saturday, 29 October 2022 7:33:32 AM
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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

This is the final version of MR agreed by PMO, FMO, AGO and MHAO.

Best,

s. 47F(1)

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HON CLARE O'NEIL MP

MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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MEMBER FOR HOTHAM

MEDIA RELEASE

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER 2022

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN REPATRIATED FROM SYRIAN CAMPS

The Australian Government has repatriated four Australian women and their 13 Australian children to **s. 47B(a)** from an Internally Displaced Persons Camp in Syria.

At all times the focus has been the safety and security of all Australians as well as the safety of those involved in the operation. Informed by national security advice, the Government has carefully considered the range of security, community and welfare factors in making the decision to repatriate.

The decision to repatriate these women and their children was informed by individual assessments following detailed work by national security agencies.

The Government's decision follows similar repatriations carried out by the previous Morrison Government in 2019, as well as the United States, Italy, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, the United Kingdom and, most recently, Canada.

Allegations of unlawful activity will continue to be investigated by the **s. 47B(a)** **s. 47B(a)** comprised of the Australian Federal Police, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, **s. 47B(a)** and the **s. 47B(a)**. Any identified offences may lead to **s. 47B(a)** ent ac

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