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HPRM: Minutes - Manus IDC - 30 October 2017 [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive]
Attachments: Minutes - Manus Island IDC - 30 October 2017.pdf

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Good afternoon

Please find attached the minutes from the 30OCT2017 Manus IDC.

Regards,

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s. 47E(d)
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Subject: 47PRM: Manus Regional Processing Centre - Daily Executive Update - 31OCT2017
Date: Tuesday, 31 October 2017 8:31:00 AM
Attachments: [Daily Executive Report 31 Oct 17 - FINAL.PDF](#)

Good morning

Please find attached the Manus Regional Processing Centre – Daily Executive update for 31OCT2017.

Regards,

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Cc: Media Operations; TANDDO Budhy; SEEBACH Anthony; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: HPRM: BIMS 26985-2017 Whole of Government TPs - Manus RPC closure [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT TPs - Closure of Manus RPC - 31 October 2017.pdf; Manus RPC Daily Social Media Coverage Report - October 29th - October 30....pdf

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Good morning

Please find attached the WoG TPs for the Manus RPC closure.

Regards,

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**Department of Immigration
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WHOLE OF GOVT. TALKING POINTS

LEAD AGENCY: DIBP

As at **31 October 2017**

Subject	Closure of Manus Regional Processing Centre (RPC)
Purpose	To guide the Whole-of-Government narrative in relation to the closure of the Manus RPC.

OVERARCHING KEY MESSAGES

- Papua New Guinea (PNG) will close the Manus RPC at 5pm local time today.
- The Manus RPC provided temporary accommodation while the PNG government assessed the protection claims of hundreds of single adult men who attempted to arrive in Australia illegally by boat.
- PNG authorities have completed protection claim processing and alternative accommodation options for refugees and failed asylum seekers are ready.
- With the transfer of services to these locations, the PNG Government will close the RPC.
 - Refugees can move to the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre (ELRTC) or the West Lorengau Haus (WLH).
 - Failed asylum seekers can move to the Hillside Haus.
- Some refugees and failed asylum seekers have already moved and they are comfortably accessing services and supports there.
- The PNG-operated alternative sites provide PNG-determined refugees and failed asylum seekers with appropriate accommodation and services, and with conditions similar to those at the RPC.
- Previously, some advocates and residents have made claims regarding the conditions at the RPC.
 - The fact that some residents are refusing to move from the RPC brings these claims into question.

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- In reality, these hardliners want to come to Australia and think that by staying at the RPC-site Australia will eventually take them.
 - Certain advocates are encouraging PNG-determined refugees and failed asylum seekers to take this stance.
 - These people may be well meaning, but they are encouraging PNG-determined refugees and failed asylum seekers to remain at a facility that is scheduled to close.
 - From this evening, the RPC-site will not have food, water, or electricity.
 - All of these services, and more including medical support, have transferred to the ELRTC, West Lorengau Haus and Hillside Haus.
- No one will be resettle in Australia.

Concerns in the PNG community about Manus RPC closure

- Community concerns about the PNG Government's decision to close the Manus Regional Processing Centre and relocate residents to alternative accommodation in PNG are matters for PNG authorities.

If asked about press releases issued by the PNG Minister for Immigration and Border Security on 29 October 2017.

- The closure of the Manus RPC and the management of refugees and those found not to be refugees are matters for PNG.

POINT OF CONTACT (POC)

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Attachments: Daily Executive Report_01 Nov 17 FINAL.PDF

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Good morning,

Please find attached the Manus Regional Processing Centre – Daily Executive Update for 01NOV2017.

Regards,

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Subject: HPRM: Whole of Government TPs - Manus RPC closure - 01NOV2017 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT TPs - Closure of Manus RPC - 1 November 2017.pdf; Manus RPC Social Media Coverage Report - 5PM AEST October 31st - 9AM AES....pdf; 1pm-5pm - Manus RPC Social Media Coverage Report - 31 October 2017.pdf; 9am - 1pm - Manus RPC Social Media Coverage Report - 31 October 2017.pdf

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Good afternoon

Please find attached the WoG TPs for the Manus RPC closure.

Regards,

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**Department of Immigration
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WHOLE OF GOVT. TALKING POINTS

LEAD AGENCY: DIBP

As at **1 November 2017**

Subject	Closure of Manus Regional Processing Centre
Purpose	To guide the Whole-of-Government narrative in relation to the closure of the Manus RPC.

OVERARCHING KEY MESSAGES

- Papua New Guinea (PNG) has closed the Manus Regional Processing Centre (RPC).
- As the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection has stated:
 - PNG has completed the processing of RPC residents and there are clear pathways ahead of them;
 - those found to be refugees can settle within PNG, as agreed under the arrangement struck between the Australian Government and the Government of Papua New Guinea in 2013;
 - the Australian Government has provided reasonable alternative pathways for refugees who do not wish to resettle in PNG; specifically they can apply for resettlement in the United States or apply to move to Nauru;
 - failed asylum seekers are in PNG illegally and should return to their country of origin, as hundreds already have done
 - the Governments of PNG and Australia will facilitate voluntary returns;
 - these people sought to subvert Australia's laws by paying people smugglers to bring them illegally to Australia by boat – none will ever resettle in Australia.
- While they await these outcomes:
 - refugees can move to the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre (ELRTC) or the West Lorengau Haus (WLH); and
 - failed asylum seekers can move to the Hillside Haus.

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- Some refugees and failed asylum seekers have already moved and they are comfortably accessing services and supports at these locations.
- Some advocates and residents have made claims regarding the conditions at the RPC.
 - The fact that some people are choosing to squat at the RPC-site when alternative accommodation options are available brings these claims into question.
- In reality, these hardliners want to come to Australia and think that by squatting on a PNG Naval Base Australia will eventually take them.
 - Certain advocates are encouraging PNG-determined refugees and failed asylum seekers to take this stance.
 - Instead, they should be encouraging these refugees and failed asylum seekers to access the services and supports that the PNG government has generously provided at alternative locations.

Concerns in the PNG community about Manus RPC closure

- Community concerns about the PNG Government's decision to close the Manus Regional Processing Centre and relocate residents to alternative accommodation in PNG are matters for PNG authorities.

If asked about press releases issued by the PNG Minister for Immigration and Border Security on 29 October 2017.

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Good afternoon

Please find attached minutes from yesterday's Manus IDC.

Regards,

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 Senior Border Force Officer
 s. 47E(d)
 Australian Border Force

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached the minutes from yesterday's IDC cleared by Commander Seebach, he has also authorised dissemination of the minutes to the attendees only.

Regards,

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02NOV2017 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT TPs - Closure of Manus RPC - 2 November 2017.pdf; Manus
RPC Social Media Coverage Report - October 31st - November 1st.pdf

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LEAD AGENCY: DIBP

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Subject: HPRM: BIMS 26985-2017 Manus Regional Processing Centre - Daily Executive Update
- 03NOV2017 [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Good morning,

Please find attached the Manus Regional Processing Centre – Daily Executive Update for 03NOV2017.

Regards,

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Attachments: Minutes - Daily Manus Island IDC - 2 November 2017.pdf

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Good morning,

Please find attached IDC Minutes for 02NOV2017.

Regards,

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For most of the weekend, PM&C's emergency contacts are the same:

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Subject: HPRM: BIMS 26985-2017 Manus Regional Processing Centre - Daily Executive Update
- 04NOV2017 [SEC=PROTECTED]
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Good morning,

Please find attached the Manus Regional Processing Centre – Daily Executive Update for 04NOV2017.

Regards,

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Subject: HPRM: BIMS 26985-2017 Whole of Government TPs - Manus RPC closure -
03NOV2017 [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT TPs - Closure of Manus RPC - 3 November 2017.pdf

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Good morning

Please find attached the WoG TPs 03NOV2017 for the Manus RPC closure.

The next WoG TPs will be distributed Monday 06NOV2017 – or by exception.

Regards,

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WHOLE OF GOVT. TALKING POINTS

LEAD AGENCY: DIBP

As at **3 November 2017**

Subject	Closure of Manus Regional Processing Centre
Purpose	To guide the Whole-of-Government narrative in relation to the closure of the Manus RPC.

OVERARCHING KEY MESSAGES

- Papua New Guinea (PNG) has closed the Manus Regional Processing Centre (RPC).
- As the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection has stated:
 - PNG has completed the processing of RPC residents and there are clear pathways ahead of them;
 - those found to be refugees can settle within PNG, as agreed under the arrangement struck between the Australian Government and the Government of Papua New Guinea in 2013;
 - the Australian Government has provided reasonable alternative pathways for refugees who do not wish to resettle in PNG; specifically they can apply for resettlement in the United States or apply to move to Nauru;
 - failed asylum seekers are in PNG illegally and should return to their country of origin, as hundreds already have done
 - the Governments of PNG and Australia will facilitate voluntary returns;
 - these people sought to subvert Australia's laws by paying people smugglers to bring them illegally to Australia by boat – none will ever resettle in Australia.
- While they await these outcomes:
 - refugees can move to the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre (ELRTC) or the West Lorengau Haus (WLH); and
 - failed asylum seekers can move to the Hillside Haus.

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- Some refugees and failed asylum seekers have already moved and they are comfortably accessing services and supports at these locations.
- Some advocates and residents have made claims regarding the conditions at the RPC.
 - The fact that some people are choosing to squat at the RPC-site when alternative accommodation options are available brings these claims into question.
- In reality, these hardliners want to come to Australia and think that by squatting on a PNG Naval Base Australia will eventually take them.
 - Certain advocates are encouraging PNG-determined refugees and failed asylum seekers to take this stance.
 - Instead, they should be encouraging these refugees and failed asylum seekers to access the services and supports that the PNG government has generously provided at alternative locations.

Concerns in the PNG community about Manus RPC closure

- Community concerns about the PNG Government's decision to close the Manus Regional Processing Centre and relocate residents to alternative accommodation in PNG are matters for PNG authorities.

If asked about press releases issued by the PNG Minister for Immigration and Border Security on 29 October 2017.

- The closure of the Manus RPC and the management of refugees and those found not to be refugees are matters for PNG.

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Good morning,

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Regards,

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Attachments: Minutes - Daily Manus Island - 3 November 2017.pdf

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Afternoon,

Attached are the minutes from Friday's IDC.

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Subject: HPRM: WoG TPs for 06NOV2017 [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT TPs - Closure of Manus RPC - 6 November 2017.pdf

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Afternoon,

Please see attached Whole of Government talking points for 06NOV2017

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- As PNG's Minister for Immigration and Border Security has stated:
 - the PNG Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority (ICSA) has inspected these alternatives and has confirmed their readiness;
 - catering, cleaning, security and the ELRTC-medical clinic are all operational and photographs demonstrating the quality and standard of these facilities have been made available to PNG-determined refugees and failed asylum seekers;
 - further, the PNG government has taken into consideration the security concerns of previous-RPC residents and service providers have increased security measures and their presence at the new facilities.
- A small number people have claimed that PNG is not safe; this is not correct, as some refugees and failed asylum seekers have already moved and they are comfortably accessing services and supports at these locations.
 - Further, some people in the Lorengau community have told the media that they are "happy" to have refugees, as they "get on with the locals and also provide the locals with jobs."
 - Claims that refugees will not be safe or accepted in PNG are offensive to the many PNG citizens who have welcomed them.
- Some people have also made claims regarding the conditions at the RPC-site and made claims that refugees and failed asylum seekers have no access to health care.
 - This is not correct; IHMS continues to provide medical services to refugees and failed asylum seekers at the ELRTC.
 - Refugees and failed asylum seekers who choose to stay at the RPC-site are doing so fully informed that PNG has provided them with suitable alternatives and that they can access them at any time. Any claims to the contrary are simply not true.
- In reality, these hardliners want to come to Australia and think that by squatting on a PNG Naval Base Australia will eventually take them.
 - Certain advocates are encouraging PNG-determined refugees and failed asylum seekers to take this stance.
 - Instead, they should be encouraging these refugees and failed asylum seekers to access the services and supports that the PNG government has generously provided at alternative locations.

Concerns in the PNG community about Manus RPC closure

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- Community concerns about the PNG Government's decision to close the Manus Regional Processing Centre and relocate residents to alternative accommodation in PNG are matters for PNG authorities.

Safety in Lorengau

- The PNG Minister for Immigration and Border Security has said that, "Manus is a very peaceful place and residents have travelled freely between Lorengau and Lombrum Naval Base without any major incident since April 2016."

If asked about a matter before the PNG Supreme Court

- I am aware of this matter. As it is before the PNG Court, it is not appropriate to comment.

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