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

RE: AMO For Action - Collinsville solar farms - Due 5 Feb 18 [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only] Subject:

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

As requested, I just spoke with the migration agent and she is happy to have a telecon tomorrow morning 10am our time (i.e. 9am QLD).

She said she would also send through the supporting documents and lists of related visa applicants for our reference – to the s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I said we would call her on her number: Ts. 47F(1)

Regards

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

Program Management, Temporary Specialist Visas Section

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### s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d)

On 25 Jan 2018 Belgrade Post indicated they had processed over to date and that they had just received a further applications – this equates to (which is close to the s. mentioned in the supporting documentation) s. 47E(d)

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### regards

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

Director, Temporary Specialist Visas Section

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

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Hi <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

Is this one for your area?

**Thanks** 

s. 22(1)(a)(ii

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

**Branch Coordination** 

Temporary Visa Program Branch | Visa and Citizenship Management Division

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Subject: AMO For Action - Collinsville solar farms - Due 5 Feb 18 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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

Please see below from Mr Christensen's office – can we please have a response drafted via email from Senior Advisor **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** Mr Christensen's office (re the allegations) by cob 5 Feb 2018. Kind regards

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

Departmental Liaison Officer

Office of the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs

Suite R1.89 Parliament House

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

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⊢i s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Thanks** 

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

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

Office of the Hon Peter Dutton MP

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (G. Christensen, MP) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2018 5:14 PM

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

**Subject:** collinsville solar farms

# George Christensen MP Federal Member for Dawson

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Hon Peter Dutton MP

Minister for Home Affairs

PO Box 6022

House of Representatives

Parliament House

**CANBERRA ACT 2600** 

Via e-mail: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Dear Minister

I wish to raise with you allegations that have been reported to my office regarding solar farms in the Collinsville region overlooking Australian workers in favour of backpackers. I have confirmed reports that solar farms in Collinsville are collecting up to 70 backpackers a day to undertake labouring work during the construction phase of their development while Australian workers are not being given a go.

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https://www.seek.com.au/job/35238902?

<u>type=standard&userqueryid=40aeb5832dc0652eaeab2a7741f2d02c-1341934</u>

I believe Australian jobs should be for Australian workers first and I respectfully request that the Department of Immigration investigate the legality of such situation.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

George Christensen MP

Federal Member for Dawson

For enquiries, please contact: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

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**Subject:** Solar projects - supporting documents email 1/3 [ME-ME.FID4188497]

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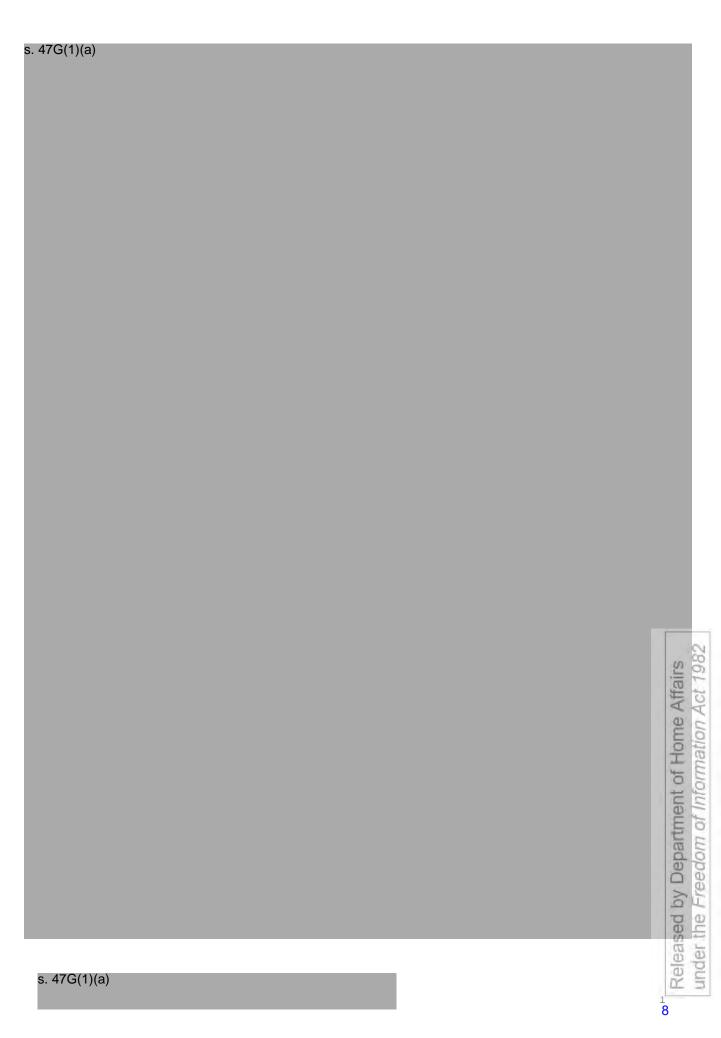
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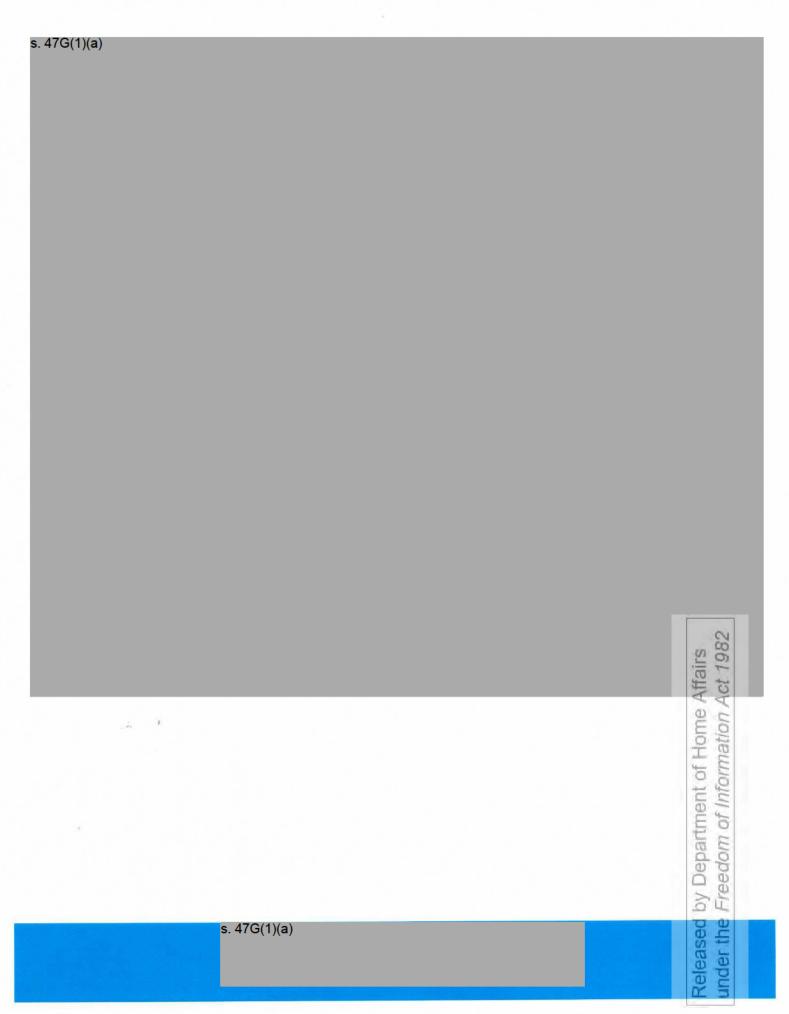
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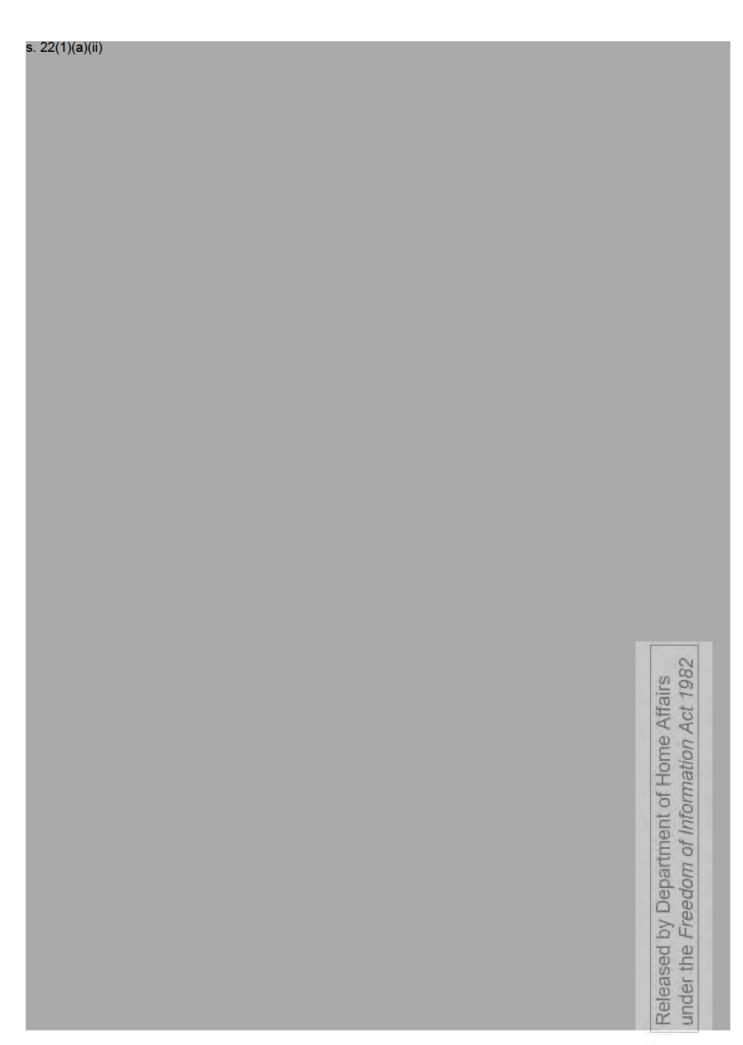
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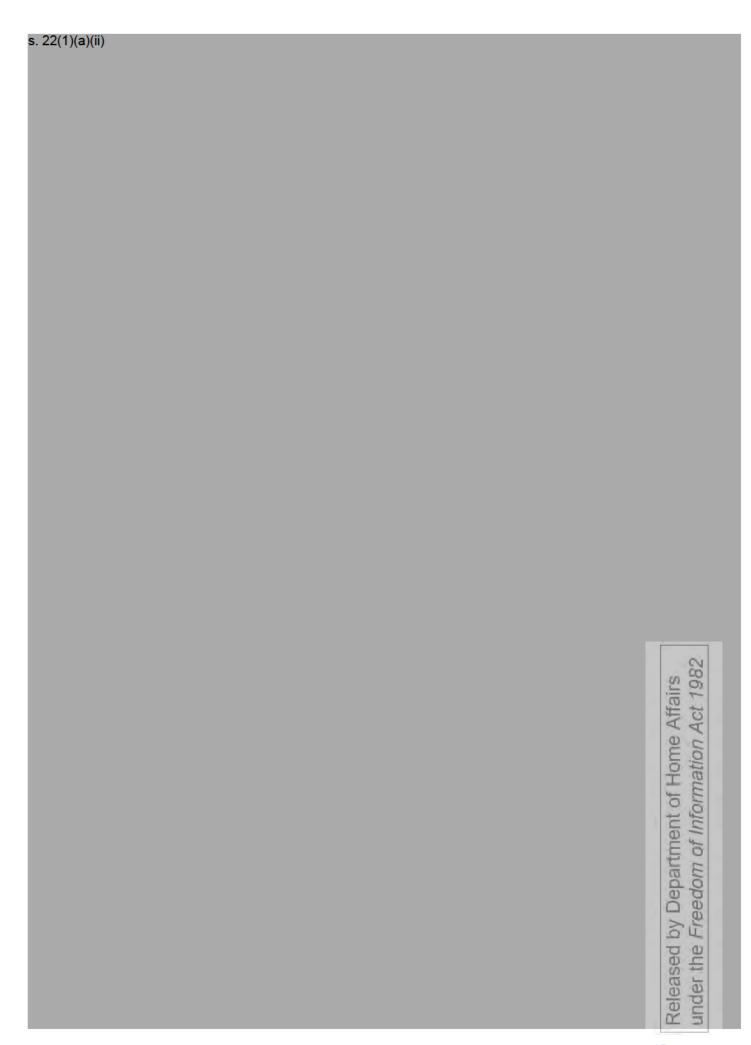
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Thanks for confirming 22(1)(a)(i

As 5. 22(1)(a)(ii) mentioned, we are still awaiting further information from the RMA and will touch base with you as soon as we receive something (or early next week if nothing is provided).

Regards

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

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

Thanks no comments to add to this draft form Belgrade, however as a FYI we now have s. 47E(d) undecided applications on hand and will await until you have provided further direction on their processing.

Regards

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

Second Secretary (Immigration and Border Protection)

Department of Home Affairs

Australian Embassy Belgrade

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11070 New Belgrade, Serbia

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

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) suggested we provide the draft to today, following any comments from and

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

has indicated she is happy with the WHM component.

The draft is attached. The RMA is yet to provide any further information and suggested that, in the event this occurred, we should progress it without the dot point marked in red on the draft.

Let me know if you want to wait another day or so; or if you require any further changes – otherwise it should be progressed to with the red dot point deleted), as it due back to the AMO on 5 Feb 2018.

Regards

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

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

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

I am happy with the wording on the WHM part.

Thanks

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

Director, Major Events and WHM Visas Section

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Hi \_\_ and s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and

s. <sup>22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> wanted me to provide you both with the draft response to the AMO.

We spoke with the RMA yesterday and asked for confirmation of:

- number of Australian workers
- number of WHM visa holders employed
- positions expected to be filled by Australian workers
- employment conditions and remuneration of foreign workers
- training of Australian workers
- future requirements for foreign workers.

If information comes in from the RMA, we will add it to the draft.

Please let me know of any suggested changes — there were some minor changes made to your input, so please let me know if you are happy with the draft as is.

We will need to give the draft to section to morrow – it is due by 5 Feb 2018 to the AMO.

Regards

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

Program Management, Temporary Specialist Visas Section

Temporary Visa Program | Visa and Citizenship Group

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii) can you pls keep in the loop as he has applications on hold until he hears from us. Pls send him our draft TPs fir the AMO so he can see the sort of info we asked the RMA to provide. As soon as we get the info/evidence and are satisfied the no adverse requirement is clearly met let source.

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

Would be interested in any readout you had with the RMA today.

Regards

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

Second Secretary (Immigration and Border Protection)

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11070 New Belgrade, Serbia

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Thanks 5. 22(1)(a)

We are talking to RMA early tomorrow and will let you know next steps

### Kind regards

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

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

Thanks for the update s. 47E(d)

Please advise if there is anything further we can provide.

Regards

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

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regards

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

Director, Temporary Specialist Visas Section

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii

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Kind regards

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

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Thanks

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# George Christensen

# **MP**

# Federal Member for Dawson

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I was just speaking with about getting some advice to you and opened my computer to find your follow-up (good timing)!

We have just sent the attached response for the AMO consideration – regarding the communication received from George Christensen MP. s. 47C(1)

recommended we wait a day or so – to see if the AMO responds to the draft with some direction.

Sorry, we are still on hold as yet – but I will get back to you as soon as we receive further instruction.

Regards

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

Program Management, Temporary Specialist Visas Section

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and Specialist Entry,

Wondering if you had an additional information in relation to this project

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

Second Secretary (Immigration and Border Protection)

Department of Home Affairs

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11070 New Belgrade, Serbia

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

Just as a quick update I was advised this morning that we now have applications for this project on hold until we hear further from you.

Regards

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

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

Thanks for the update s. 47E(d)

Please advise if there is anything further we can provide.

Regards

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Subject: FW: AMO For Action - Collinsville solar farms - Due 5 Feb 18 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Branch Coordination

Temporary Visa Program Branch | Visa and Citizenship Management Division

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

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From: 5. 22(1)(a)(ii

Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 11:56 AM

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

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

Please see below from Mr Christensen's office – can we please have a response drafted via email from Senior Advisor s. 22(1)(a)(ii) to Mr Christensen's office (re the allegations) by cob 5 Feb 2018. Kind regards

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

Departmental Liaison Officer

Office of the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs

Suite R1.89 Parliament House

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

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

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

Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 11:13 AM

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

Subject: FW: collinsville solar farms [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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I believe this one would come under you portfolio responsibilities. I will let Mr Christensen's office know that I have passed on to your Minister for consideration.

### Thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(i

Adviser

Office of the Hon Peter Dutton MP

Minister for Home Affairs

Minister for Immigration and Border Protection

Parliament House Suite MG-46 CANBERRA ACT 2600

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

Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2018 5:14 PM

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

**Subject:** collinsville solar farms

# George Christensen

# $\mathbf{MP}$



# Federal Member for Dawson

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Hon Peter Dutton MP Minister for Home Affairs PO Box 6022 House of Representatives Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Via e-mail: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Dear Minister

I wish to raise with you allegations that have been reported to my office regarding solar farms in the Collinsville region overlooking Australian workers in favour of backpackers. I have confirmed reports that solar farms in Collinsville are collecting up to 70 backpackers a day to undertake labouring work during the construction phase of their development while Australian workers are not being given a go.

I ask that these reports of solar farms, or their sub-contractors, deliberately choosing to give work to backpackers in the Bowen/Collinsville region, rather than taking on Australian workers can be investigated. Below is a link to one of the recruitment ads where it actually lists one of the requirements as, "must have the right to work in Australia".

https://www.seek.com.au/job/35238902?

type=standard&usergueryid=40aeb5832dc0652eaeab2a7741f2d02c-1341934

I believe Australian jobs should be for Australian workers first and I respectfully request that the Department of Immigration investigate the legality of such situation.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



George Christensen MP Federal Member for Dawson

For enquiries, please contact: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Response to George Christensen MP in relation to allegations that have been reported to his office regarding solar farms in the Collinsville region overlooking Australian workers in favour of backpackers:

Draft email response to George Christensen MP:

### Dear Mr Christensen

Thank you for your email of 25 January 2018 concerning the allegation that solar farms in the Collinsville region are employing backpackers rather than Australian workers. Your correspondence has been referred to me as the Assistant Minister for the Department of Home Affairs, as the matter raised falls within my portfolio responsibilities.

The Australian Government's temporary visa program supports its intent that overseas workers are a supplement to, and not a substitute for, Australian workers. It is the responsibility of all Australian employers to employ legal workers and ensure their workers, whether domestic or foreign, receive minimum entitlements in the workplace, including pay and conditions, as set out in the Fair Work Act 2009.

The Working Holiday Maker (WHM) visa allows young people to stay and holiday in Australia for up to 12 months, work in Australia for up to six months with each employer, study for up to four months and leave and re-enter Australia any number of times while the visa is valid. WHM visa holders can undertake any kind of work with any employer during their stay in Australia as long as they do not work more than six months with that employer.

Allegations of migration fraud or the exploitation of foreign workers are treated seriously by the Department. However, a certain amount of information is required before an allegation can be referred to the appropriate area for investigation. If you have any further details about the allegation, please contact the Temporary Specialist Visas Section at s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

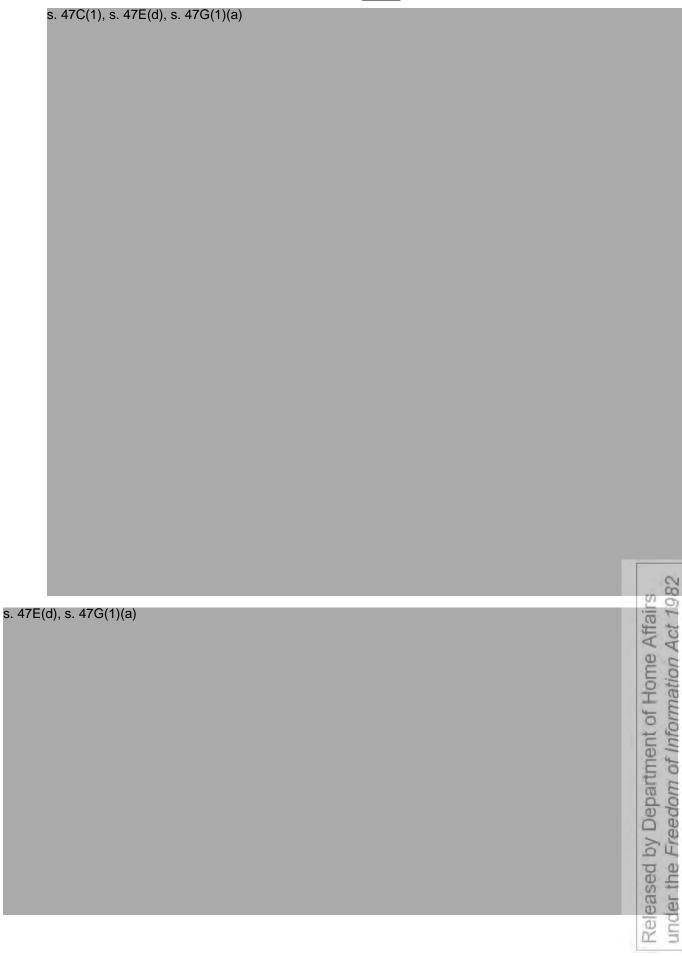
Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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Temporary Visa Program Branch 6 February 2018

## **MEDIA ENQUIRY**

Subject: Solar farm jobs claims					
Deadline: 16 February 2018					
Journalist: S. 47F(1)		Outlet: ABC Townsville			
Phone: s. 47F(1)	Mobile: S. 47F(1)	Email: S. 47F(1)			
Enquiry Received: 3pm, 14 February 2018					
Media Officer: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)		Media Ph: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)			

### **QUESTION / ISSUE**

Journalist's email:

Would the Department be able to confirm comments made the Member for Dawson George Christensen during a press conference today.

Has the Department received a request to investigate the foreign workers at the Clare Solar farm in north Queensland.

If so, have investigations commenced/concluded and have their been any actions as a result of any investigations.

### **RESPONSE**

- The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that Australian workers have priority and that foreign workers are a supplement to, and not a substitute for, Australians.
- It would be inappropriate to provide any information in relation to FRV Services Australia Pty Limited and its dealings with the Department.
- The Government's temporary visa program aims to achieve a balance between supporting Australian businesses, who require quick access to short-term highly specialised workers on a non-ongoing basis, while not undermining the employment and training opportunities for Australians.
- The Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) (subclass 400) may be suitable where there is a demonstrated need for the applicant to deliver services in Australia that require specific (proprietary) skills or knowledge not available in the Australian workforce (or of limited availability).
- The Working Holiday Maker (WHM) visa allows 'backpackers' to stay and holiday in Australia for up to 12 months, work in Australia for up to six months with each employer, study for up to four months and leave and re-enter Australia any number of times while the visa is valid. WHM visa holders can undertake any kind of work with any employer during their stay in Australia as long as they do not work more than six months with that employer?
- The reforms to skilled visa programs, announced by the Government on 18 April 2017, are being made to sharpen the focus of these programs to better meet Australia's skills needs and ensure that Australian workers are given priority.

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### Collinsville region solar farms:

George Christensen MP has also raised an allegation concerning solar farms in the Collinsville region with the Minister's Office on 25 January 2018, alleging the farms were overlooking Australian workers in favour of backpackers.

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### **CLEARANCE:**

Drafted by	Title	Time/Date drafted
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	Director, Temporary Specialist Visas	11:00 15/02/2018
	Director, 457 Program Management	19:00 14/02/2018

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Judith O'Neill	Assistant Secretary, Temporary Visa Program Branch	12:15 16/02/2018
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	Senior Director, Economic and Skilled Visa Program Branch	15:30 15/02/2018
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### Home Affairs Portfolio Additional Estimates – February 2018

### BACK POCKET BRIEF

### AE2018-BP[SB18-000312] - Subclass 400 - Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) Visa

### **Key Statistics**

### Subclass 400 visas granted between 2012-13 and 2017-18 to 31 January 2018

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2017

Note 1: Includes Invited Participant stream (removed from 19/11/2016) and primary and secondary applicants.

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 to 31/01/18
Subclass 400 visas granted	6,224	40,894	54,688	55,008	47,932	24,947

### **Key Talking Points**

- The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that Australian workers have priority and that foreign workers are a supplement to, and not a substitute for, Australians.
- The Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) (subclass 400) visa allows visa holders with specialised skills, knowledge or experience to undertake short term, non-ongoing work, generally for up to three months (up to six months in limited circumstances).
- In 2016-17, approximately 92 per cent of subclass 400 visas were granted for stays of less than three months.
- Decisions on visa applications are made on a case-by-case basis after considering the information provided by the applicant and any other relevant information held by the Department.
- The Department may request additional supporting evidence from the applicant or their employer to ensure the activities to be undertaken by the applicant do not have an adverse consequence on the employment and training opportunities for Australians.
- All temporary visa holders with work rights who are employed in Australia have the same protections under employment law as any other worker in Australia.
- The Department works closely with the Fair Work Ombudsman and other agencies to combat worker exploitation.
- All vessels with foreign crew arriving at an Australian resources installation to undertake offshore resources activity (including offtake tanker crews) are required to hold one of the following visas: a permanent visa; a Temporary Work (Skilled) (subclass 457) visa; or a subclass 400 visa.

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We are preparing a brief on this particular solar farm issue, but will no doubt influence the outcome of future solar farm projects.

At this stage, we would prefer that these applications remain on hold until we received written confirmation  $^{s. 47G(1)(a)}$ , which is expected by COB Friday 2/3.  $^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}$ 

Regards

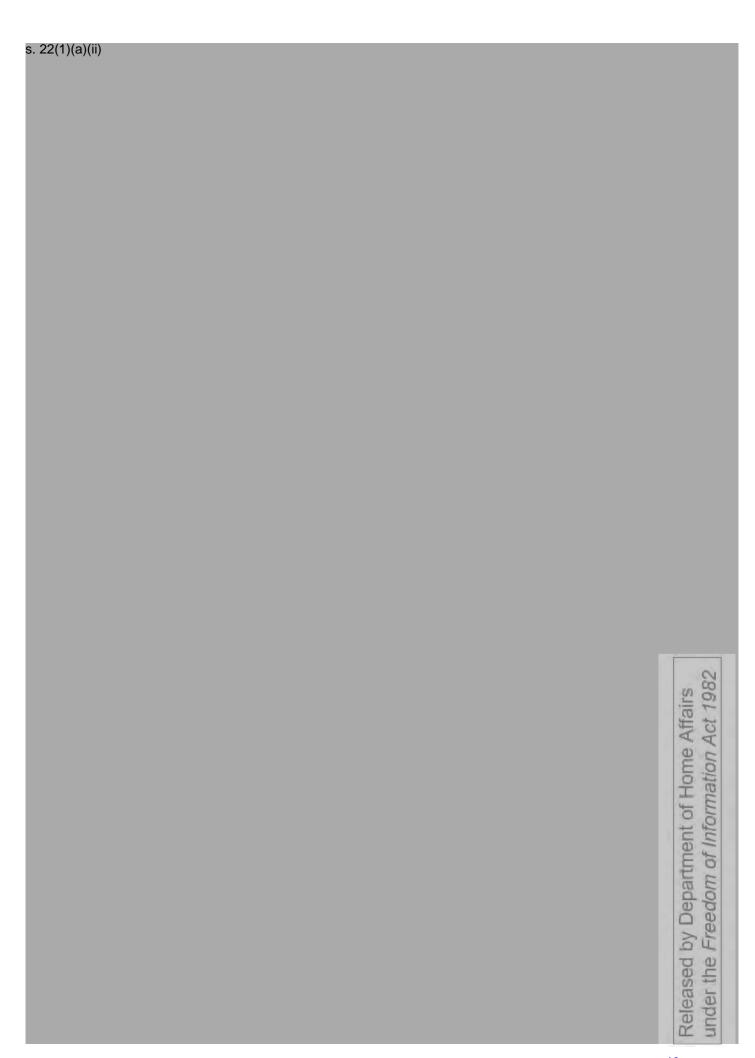
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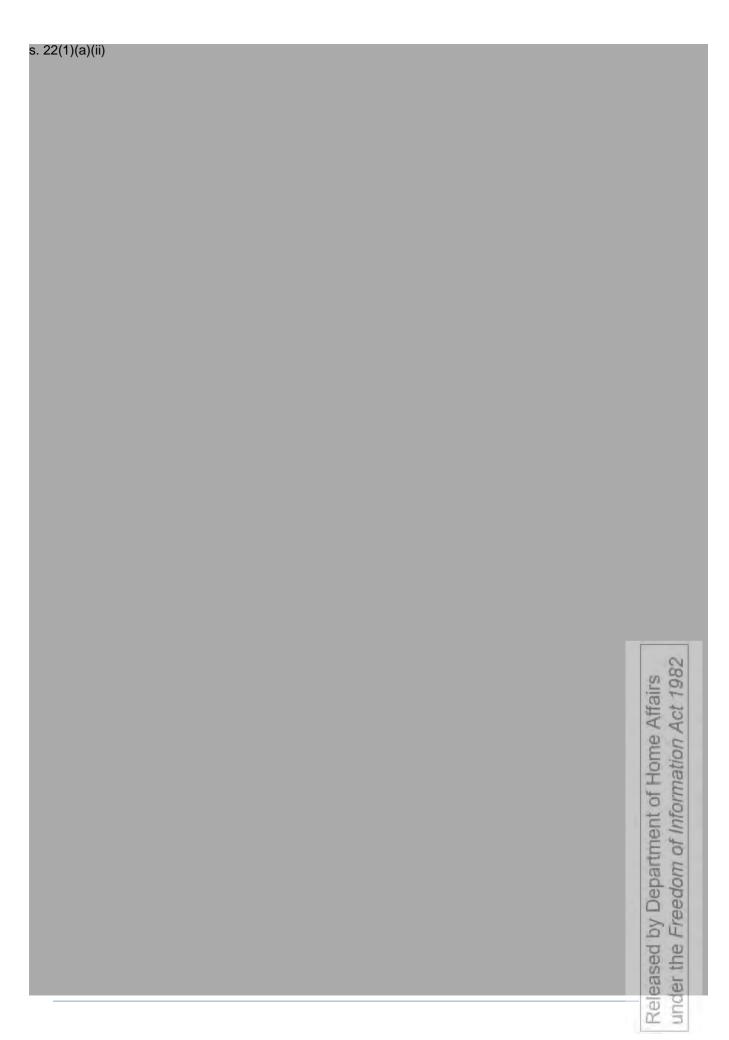
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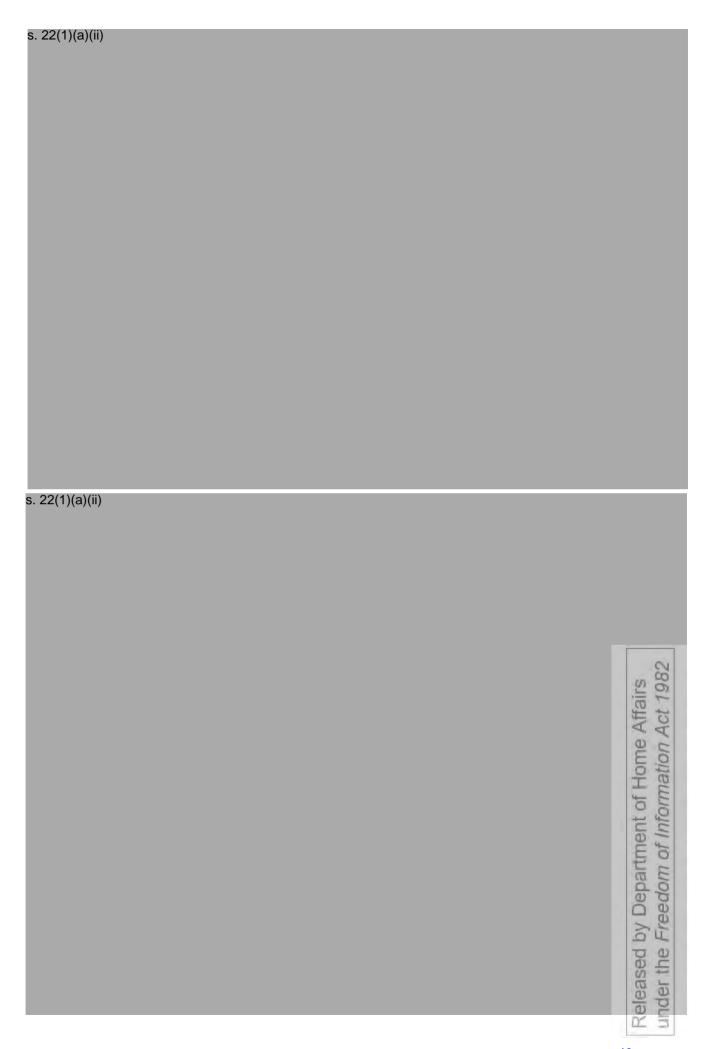
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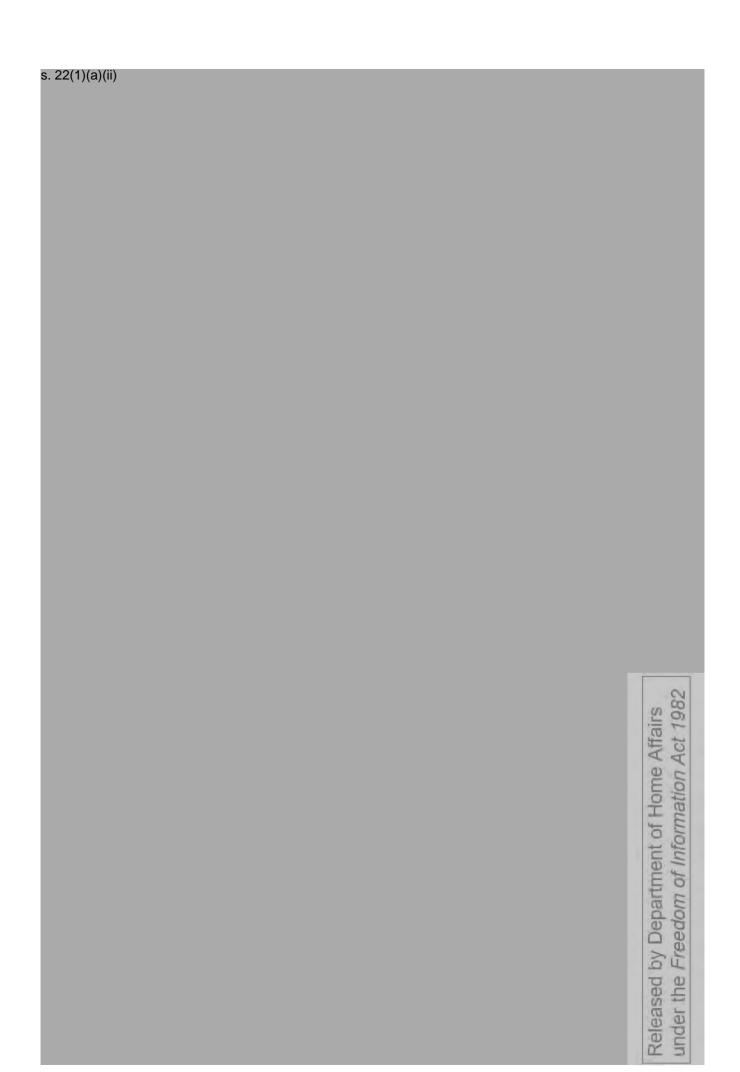


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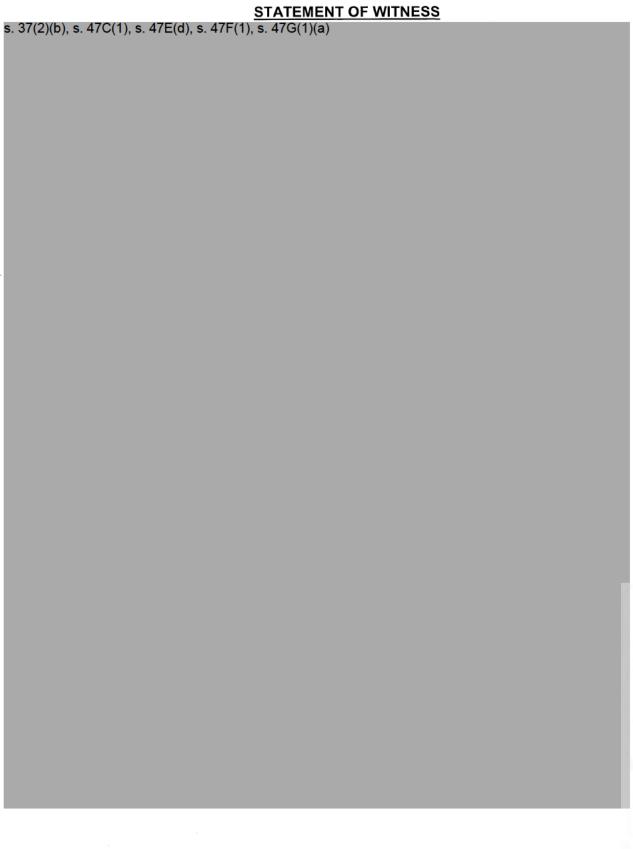


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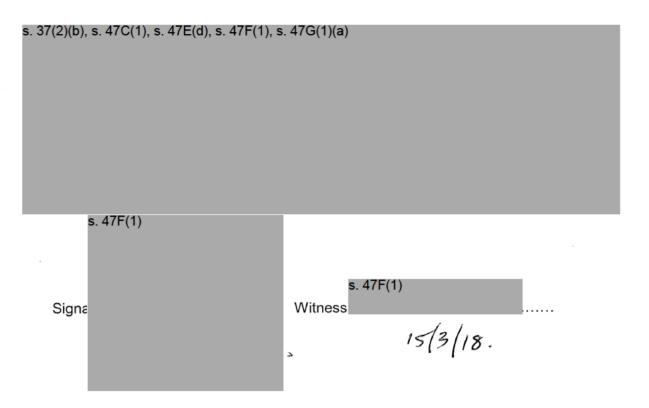
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# **Summary of Solar and Wind Farm sc400 applications**

Proposer / CID	Overseas company	Solar farm	Location	Migration Agent	Occupations:
s. 47G(1)(a) s. 47E(d)	s. 47G(1)(a)	Hayman Daydream	Collinsville, QLD	s. 47F(1)	Technicians (PV instrallers) Building/Engineer technicians Electrical engineering technicians

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From:

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To:

Subject: RE: Summary of solar farms [DLM=Sensitive]

Date: Monday, 26 March 2018 5:09:21 PM

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Director, Temporary Specialist Visas Section

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As per your request, please see summary below of solar farms that we are aware of utilising subclass 400 visas (noting \*.476(1)(a) involved in Collinsville and \*s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ):

NB: The number of Australian and 'total' workers quoted comes from the supporting evidence lodged with the visa applications.

#### s. 47G(1)(a)

Collinsville – Hayman and Daydream Solar Farms -

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## **MEETING BRIEF**

ADVISER: S. 22(1)(a)(ii) MINISTER: Alan Tudge

> Meeting Brief - Solar Farms and their Labour Hire Practices Wednesday 28 March 5:30-6:00pm, Minister Tudge's Office

#### Person

Mr George Christensen MP

## Has the Minister met with this person in the past?

Yes: Thursday 1 March 2018, 4:30pm to 5:00pm; MB18-000266.

## **Purpose of Meeting**

What is the person seeking?

Mr Christensen requested a meeting with Minister Tudge, as a follow-up from their previous meeti	ng
of 1 March 2018, regarding Solar Farms and their Labour Hire Practices. Mr Christensen advised the	
Minister's office on 26 March 2018 of further allegations, indicating that:	
	of 1 March 2018, regarding Solar Farms and their Labour Hire Practices. Mr Christensen advised the

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What are the Government's objectives?

The Government's temporary visa program aims to achieve a balance between supporting Australian businesses, who require quick access to short-term highly specialised workers on a non-ongoing basis while not undermining employment and training opportunities for Australians.

### **Key Messages**

- On 1 March 2018, Temporary Specialist Visas Section (TSVS) spoke with representatives of the Australian company s. 47G(1)(a) to discuss their use of foreign workers at their solar farms.
- TSVS is engaging with relevant overseas offices regarding visa applications for solar farm workers to ensure applicants meet the Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist)(subclass 400) visa requirements.
- On 15 March 2018, the Australian Border Force (ABF) Field Operations officers conducted three witness interviews of persons who had made allegations of illegal work in relation to s. 47G(1)(a) and s. 47G(1)(a) renewable energy farms.
- On 16 March 2018, the ABF Field Operations officers conducted employer awareness sessions with s. 47G(1)(a) and respectively (summary of visit provided in Background below). eased

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- ABF are intending to return to the region to conduct further enquiries to confirm that both and are complying with their obligations under the Migration Act.
- Further enquiries will also be undertaken in relation to the allegations regarding other Labour Hire
  Intermediaries (LHIs) operating in the region, substandard labour hire practices including the use of
  unlawful non-citizens, possible tax avoidance, overcrowded living conditions and underpayment of
  wages.
- An ABF return date is yet to be confirmed, but is expected to be around the end of April 2018.

## Background

- On 16 March 2018, TSVS undertook a stocktake of information held by the Department relating to solar farm projects:
  - Collinsville Hayman and Davdream Solar Farms:
    - Australian company s. 47G(1)(a)
    - Overseas employer –

s. 47E(d)

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

## ABF interview and employer awareness sessions

- On 15 March 2018, ABF Field Operations officers conducted three witness interviews of persons who had made allegations of illegal work in relation to interviewees confirmed their previous allegations regarding s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d), s. 47G(1)(a)
- On 16 March 2018 ABF Field Operations officers conducted employer awareness sessions with respectively, and a summary of each follows:

  s. 47G(1)(a) and respectively, and a summary of each follows:
  - On 16 March 2018, ABF Field Operations officers at around 0650hrs an Employer Awareness Session was conducted with the on-site manager who is responsible for supplying labour to the lead construction manager s. 47G(1)(a) on the Whitsunday Solar Farm.

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- O Both managers were advised of the necessity to use the Department of Home Affairs Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) system and were provided with a 'Employing Legal Workers' brochure which highlights how to register for the system and the penalties for employing non-citizens in breach of a work related visa condition and/or employing unlawful non-citizens. This brochure was fully explained.
- The managers advised that they have not been checking their workers to the standard expected
  of the ABF and have undertaken to rectify this situation within two (2) weeks.
   47G(1)(a)
  - On 16 March 2018, ABF Field Operations officers held at around 0815hrs an Employer Awareness Session with the on-site manager, the safety manager and the manager for the overall project at the Daydream and Hayman Solar Farms being constructed by
  - O When the reasons for visiting the site were explained, ABF officers were provided assurances that were compliant with the use of VEVO to check their workforce and are aware of their obligations.
  - O ABF continued the Employer Awareness Session to ensure the relevant information was provided to the site manager of the Daydream and Hayman Solar Farms and during these discussions, the offences under the Migration Act 1958 for employing non-citizens in breach of work related conditions or unlawful non-citizens were explained.
  - o s. 47G(1)(a) confirmed that they do employ Bulgarian nationals on the site and they believed that these workers were the holder of a subclass 400 visa.
  - With respect of the work performed by the Bulgarian nationals, ABF officers were advised that they were responsible for installing the end product, that is the solar panel and mechanism to move the solar panel to the correct position (to catch the sunlight). 'Unskilled labour' was used only for what was described as nuts and bolts type work and s. 47G(1)(a) reiterated that the Bulgarian nationals had 10+ years of experience installing solar farms all around the world, hence why seeds them on the project.
  - o s. 47G(1)(a) were advised of the necessity to use the Department of Home Affairs VEVO system and were provided with a 'Employing Legal Workers' brochure which highlights how to register for the system and the penalties for employing non-citizens in breach of a work related visa condition and/or employing unlawful non-citizens. This brochure was fully explained.
- s. 47G(1)(a) compliance with Migration Act requirements following this employer awareness visit will be subject to further enquiries by ABF.
- s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d), s. 47G(1)(a)

with Migration Act requirements which will be subject to further enquiries by ABF. In particular, the adequacy of the VEVO checks being undertaken by on their 'unskilled labour' and the sponsorship arrangements of the Bulgarian nationals.

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present in Bowen and the surrounding region.

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### List of Attendees

- Minister Tudge
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Senior Adviser
- Mr George Christensen MP

### Consultation

Australian Border Force

#### Clearance

Clearance officer:

Judith O'Neill

AS, Temporary Visa Program

Branch

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

**Date:** 28/03/2018

Robyn Miller

Commander, Field and Removal

Operations

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

**Date:** 28/03/2018

**Contact officer:** 

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

Division: Visa and Citizenship

Management Division

**Branch:** Temporary Visa Program

Branch

Mobile Phone: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From:

s. 4/F(1) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: constituent contact

Date: Tuesday, 3 April 2018 1:12:57 PM

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Txt message from a constituent re 457 Visa workers docx

#### Good afternoon

Dale has been contacted by a number of constituents over the weekend in relation to overseas workers being brought in to work on the Collinsville Solar Farm development and as such Dale would like to bring the contact of a txt message he received from one of his constituents to the Minister's attention. I attached the message in a Word doc., however if you want it actually sent through as a txt please let me know.

We have also spoken to George Christensen's office this morning and we are aware that George has been in discussions with Minister Tudge regarding the matter of overseas workers for this development; however as Dale has been contacted he would still like to pass the contact through to you for your information and attention.

Thank you so much.

#### Regards

#### s. 47F(1)

Electorate Officer
Office of Dale Last MP/Member for Burdekin
Shadow Minister for Natural Resources and Mines
Shadow Minister for Northern Queensland
Shop 30, Centrepoint Arcade
AYR QLD 4807

Phone: S. 47F(1)
Fax: S. 47F(1)

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Txt message from a constituent – Thursday night 29<sup>th</sup> March:

'I have just been notified by a security guard working at the solar farm site in Collinsville that 100 unskilled persons from Bulgaria will be starting work this Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the solar farm. They will be each taking home \$3500 AUS for working the 4 public holidays over the Easter long weekend. They will all be staying at Merinda in a dry camp. (no alcohol allowed). Not one of the Bulgarians can speak English. They were all told to apply for Australia residency after they start work. They are out in Australia on a special 457 Visa.'

From:

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

To:

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

Subject:

FW: Further information re Bowen solar farm workers [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Date:

Wednesday, 4 April 2018 9:54:38 AM

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Can we add this info to our 'summary' of solar farms doc pls

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

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Sent: Tuesday, 3 April 2018 4:32 PM

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

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**Subject:** RE: Further information re Bowen solar farm workers [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

#### For-Official-Use-Only

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

Thanks for speaking with me just now, please find attached email from Dale Last's office re the Collinsville Solar farm that the MO has received today.

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

## | Departmental Liaison Officer | Office of the Hon Alan Tudge MP

Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

Federal Member for Aston

Suite 52, M1.52

Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600

APH: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | MOB: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

# For-Official-Use-Only

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

**Sent:** Thursday, 29 March 2018 12:01 PM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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**Subject:** RE: Further information re Bowen solar farm workers [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

#### For-Official-Use-Only



Thanks for speaking with me just now, as discussed please see below message from yesterday's meeting with the Minister and Mr Christensen that the MO would like to pass on:

Appreciate it if you could pass the following back to Home Affairs.

Mr Tudge met with Mr Christensen this evening about this issue.

Mr Christensen reinforced his concerns as outlined in the email from his office at the bottom of this chain (From: s. 47F(1) (G. Christensen, MP)" s. 47F(1)

Date: Monday, March 26, 2018 at 10:30:58 AM).

He also raised concerns about the underpayment of workers and suggested that the Fair Work Ombudsman should be involved in any investigation.



#### **Thanks**

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

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Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

Federal Member for Aston

Suite 52, M1.52

Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600

APH: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | MOB: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

**Sent:** Monday, 26 March 2018 3:43 PM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Dear <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>	
s. 22(1)(a)(ii) It is unclear if Minister Tudge's office requires a form	nal
response – I suspect they will want to know when you are planning the next visit?	
As you requested last week, a few key issues that we would like you to consider for your next	
visit are:	
s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d)	
As you will see below \$ 47F(1) (\$ 47G(1)(a) ) who you interviewed has further	
As you will see below - s. 47F(1) (s. 47G(1)(a) ) who you interviewed has further information to share (our comments in red):	
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Director, Temporary Specialist Visas Section

Temporary Visa Program | Visa and Citizenship Management Branch

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**Subject:** FW: Further information re Bowen solar farm workers [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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

I have just spoken to secure about the below email the MO has received today from George Christensen's office.

Please action accordingly.

# Many thanks

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

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

Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 10:51 AM

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

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(iii)

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

Subject: Fwd: Further information re Bowen solar farm workers

Hi could you please pass this information to the correct areas in the department?

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

Sent by Email+

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

Date: Monday, March 26, 2018 at 10:30:58 AM

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

Subject: Further information re Bowen solar farm workers

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(

Just wanted to pass on the following information, and I have advised the callers to **contact the Border Force officers directly** (it's a constituent who was interviewed by officers recently, so he

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has direct contact details. It's s. 47F(1) at the s. 47G(1)(a) )
s. 47C(1), s. 47F(1), s. 47G(1)(a)
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This may be an ongoing investigation?

George would also like to have a follow up meeting with Minister Tudge on this but we will chase that up through normal channels.

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Office Manager/Media

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

Subject: RE: Urgent - FW: MB18-000437 (002) [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Wednesday, 4 April 2018 4:48:20 PM Date:

# UNOFFICIAL

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

Appreciate the work.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) please have a read and we will discuss some options for Nth Qld moving forward.

Regards

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

A/g Inspector

**Field Operations QLD** 

**Enforcement Command | Operations Group** 

**Australian Border Force (ABF)** 

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

Sent: Wednesday, 4 April 2018 4:13 PM

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

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

Subject: FW: Urgent - FW: MB18-000437 (002) [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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. Neither, as far as I can determine, have sponsored workers (to

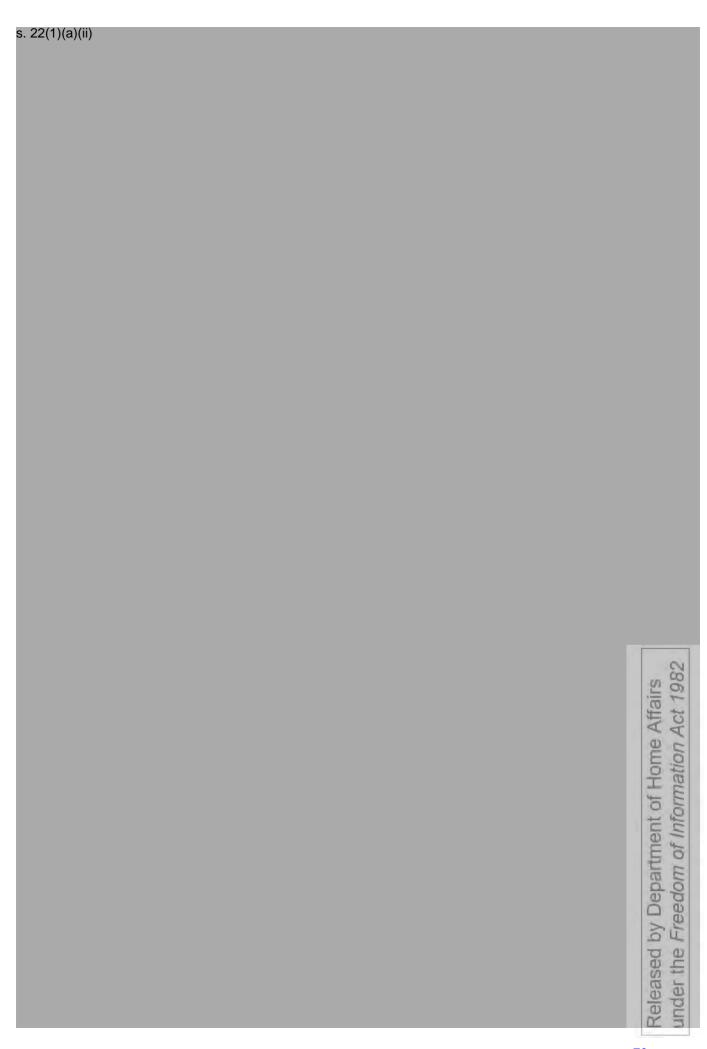
work on this project) under an agreement that can be monitored.

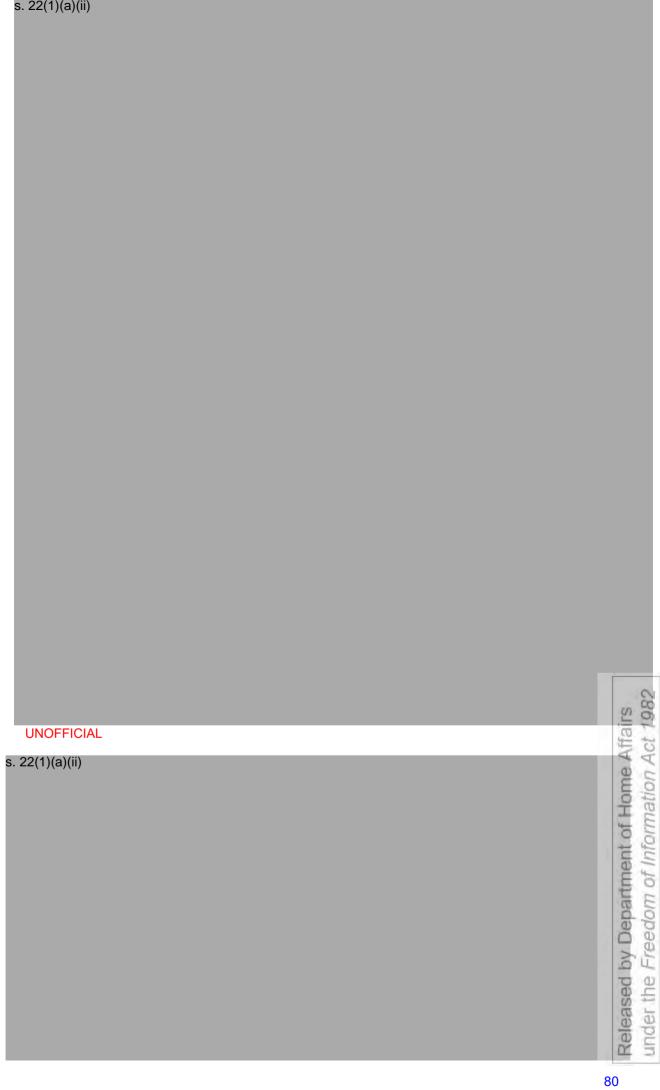
The Belgium workers have all been proposed (as against sponsored or nominated) by

s. 47G(1)(a) and hold a visa (Short Stay Specialist (GA 400) that is not

subject SMU monitorina s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

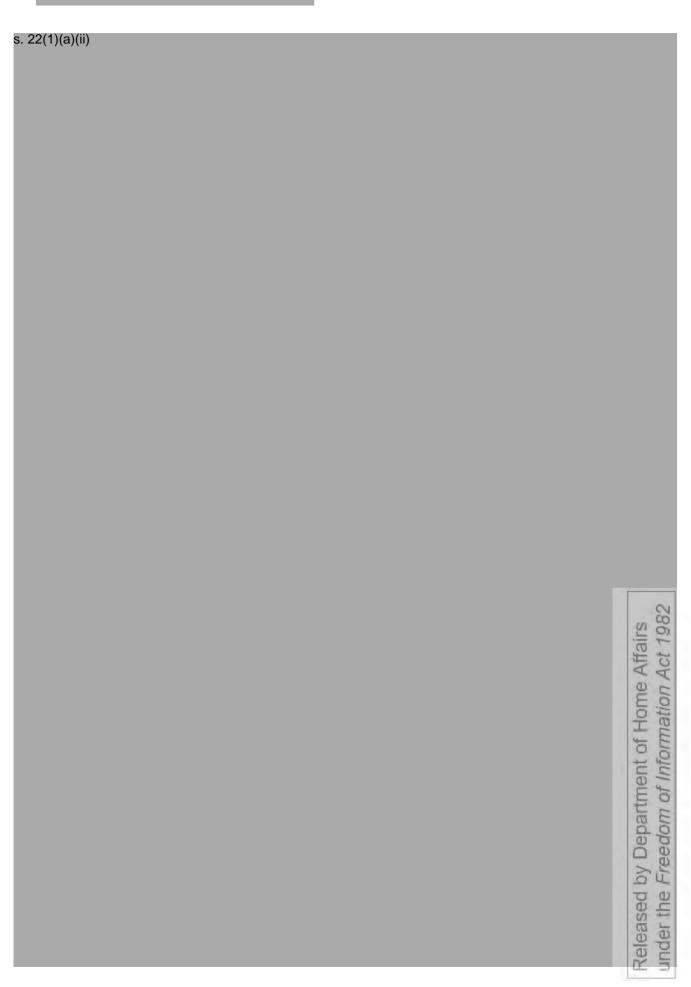
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#### Email to PMO/SMOs re: Solar farm workers – 9 April 2018

**Dear Colleagues** 

RE: Short Stay Specialist (subclass 400) visa - renewable energy projects - Solar and Wind Farms

The use of the subclass 400 visa for workers on Solar Farms has recently been the subject of Ministerial briefings following representations by local Federal MPs and associated media articles. The ABF and FWO are also engaged as the allegations centre around Australian workers being overlooked for large numbers of foreign workers, entering Australia to undertake low or non-skilled work, and being paid at below Australia's minimum wage.

We are therefore seeking your assistance in managing Solar Farm stakeholders and ask that details of any related subclass 400 visa applications be provided to before they are granted. (We are also interested s. 47E(d)

s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d) eased by Department of Home Affairs Collinsville – Hayman and Daydream Solar Farms S. 47C(1) Australian company – s. 47G(1)(a) Overseas employer – s. 47G(1)(a) s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Freedom the B

We greatly appreciate your assistance with this matter and if further clarification is required please contact me directly or the section's mailbox above.

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Director, Temporary Specialist Visas Section Temporary Visa Program Branch | Visa and Citizenship Management Division Visa and Citizenship Services Group Department of Home Affairs P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | M: s. 22(1)(a)(iii) | E: s. 22(1)(a)(iii)

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

cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Subclass 400 visa applications relating to solar and wind farm projects [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

**Date:** Friday, 18 May 2018 4:59:17 PM

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

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## Regards

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

Assistant Director, Temporary Specialist Visas Section

Temporary Visa Program Branch | Immigration and Visa Services Division

Department of Home Affairs

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Sent: Friday, 18 May 2018 12:12 AM

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#### s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d)

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

## s. 47E(d), s. 47G(1)(a)

For your action/advise.

Thanks and regards

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

Position number s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Temporary Entry Section
Department of Home Affairs
Australian Embassy Belgrade
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E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Sent: Tuesday, 10 April 2018 9:28 AM s. 22(1)(a)(ii >; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1) s. 22(1)(a) s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

FYI – please discuss all 400s related to these activities with myself prior to further action

# Regards

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

Second Secretary (Immigration and Border Protection)
Department of Home Affairs
Australian Embassy Belgrade

8th Floor, Vladimira Popovica 38-40 11070 New Belgrade, Serbia

Tel: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Email: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: 5. 22(1)(a)(1)

Sent: Monday, 9 April 2018 6:42 AM

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

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Subject:** Subclass 400 visa applications relating to solar and wind farm projects [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

**UNOFFICIAL** 

47E(d)

# RE: Short Stay Specialist (subclass 400) visa - renewable energy projects - Solar and Wind **Farms**

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We greatly appreciate your assistance with this matter and if further clarification is required please contact me directly or the section's mailbox above.

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Date: Friday, 18 May 2018 12:13:46 AM

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s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d)

## Regards

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

Second Secretary (Immigration and Border Protection)

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

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

Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 2:57 PM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: FW: Subclass 400 visa applications relating to solar and wind farm projects

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s. 47E(d), s. 47G(1)(a)

For your action/advise.

Thanks and regards

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**Subject:** FW: Subclass 400 visa applications relating to solar and wind farm projects [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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FYI – please discuss all 400s related to these activities with myself prior to further action Regards

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

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Department of Home Affairs

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Sent: Monday, 9 April 2018 6:42 AM

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

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: Subclass 400 visa applications relating to solar and wind farm projects [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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Dear Colleagues

# RE: Short Stay Specialist (subclass 400) visa - renewable energy projects - Solar and Wind Farms

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s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d)

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o Collinsville – Hayman and Daydream Solar Farms $. 47C(1)

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

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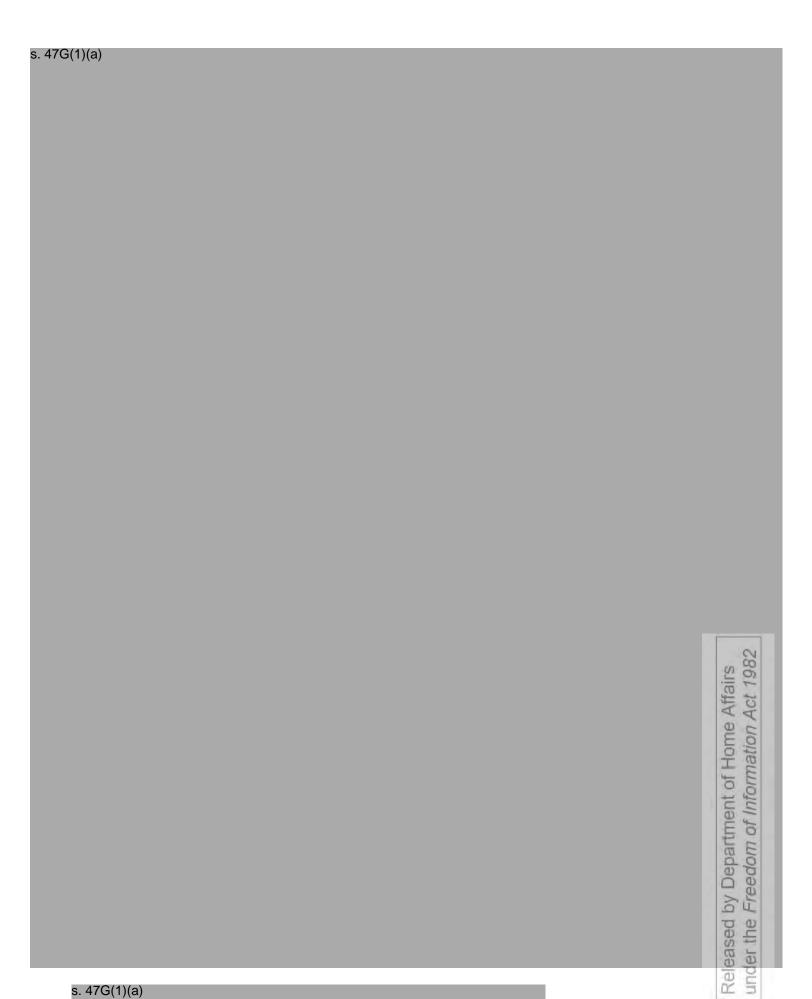
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cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ss. 22(1)(a)(ii) ss. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Subclass 400 visa applications relating to solar and wind farm projects [SEC=PROTECTED,

DLM=Sensitive]

**Date:** Wednesday, 23 May 2018 12:28:20 AM

Attachments: Further subclass 400 visa applications lodged s. 47G(1)(a) - Solar Projects DaydreamHayman ME-

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

Noting our discussion from last week we have undertaken some background work on the s. 47E(d) applications currently with post. On review all but one is applying for the role of s. 47E(d)

s. 47E(d)

The projects they are applying for are the Daydream Solar Farm Project and the Hayman Solar Farm Project. Attached you will find the submission from the company with claims around requesting the additional staff.

# s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d)

Happy to discuss further as required.

Regards

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

Second Secretary (Immigration and Border Protection)

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

Subject: RE: Subclass 400 visa applications relating to solar and wind farm projects

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#### **UNCLASSIFIED**

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

s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d)

Thank for keeping us informed of these recent applications for solar farm workers.

Regards

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

Assistant Director, Temporary Specialist Visas Section

Temporary Visa Program Branch | Immigration and Visa Services Division

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

**Sent:** Thursday, May 17, 2018 2:57 PM

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

Subject: FW: Subclass 400 visa applications relating to solar and wind farm projects

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

s. 47E(d), s. 47G(1)(a)

For your action/advise.

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Sent: Tuesday, 10 April 2018 9:28 AM

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Subject: Solar Farm Operation [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

**Date:** Friday, 25 May 2018 12:45:00 PM

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Please advise if you require further information.

### Regards

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

Inspector Field Operations | QLD Enforcement Command | Operations Group Australian Border Force

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

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**Subject:** FW: ABC Townsville follow up [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

**Date:** Tuesday, 19 June 2018 10:25:33 AM

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

**Sent:** Friday, 16 March 2018 4:45 PM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: ABC Townsville follow up [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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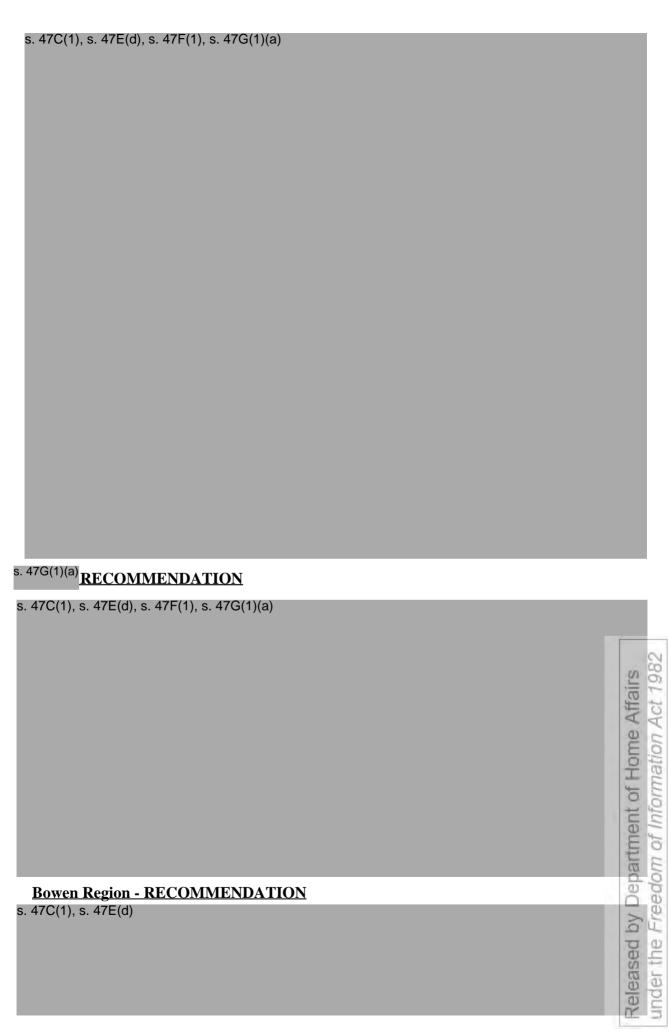
As discussed SBFO s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and myself have travelled to Bowen, QLD and interviewed named witnesses:

s. 47F(1)

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For your consideration and further dissemination as appropriate.

Kind Regards,

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

Supervisor | Field Operations & Investigations |QLD

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Cheers S. 22(1)(a)(ii)

### Regards

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

A/Superintendent

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

Subject: RE: ABC Townsville follow up [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

### **UNCLASSIFIED**

Hi 5. 22(1)(4

I am currently working on a s. 47E(d) on this matter and hope to have it finalised soon.

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### Regards

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

Intelligence Analyst | Northern Region Intelligence Support to Operations | Intelligence Division Intelligence and Capability Group Department of Home Affairs P: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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### **UNCLASSIFIED**

⊢i s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed, grateful if ISO could conduct an assessment on and and and s. 47G(1)(a) renewable energy farms.

### Regards

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

A/Superintendent

Field and Removal Operations |QLD

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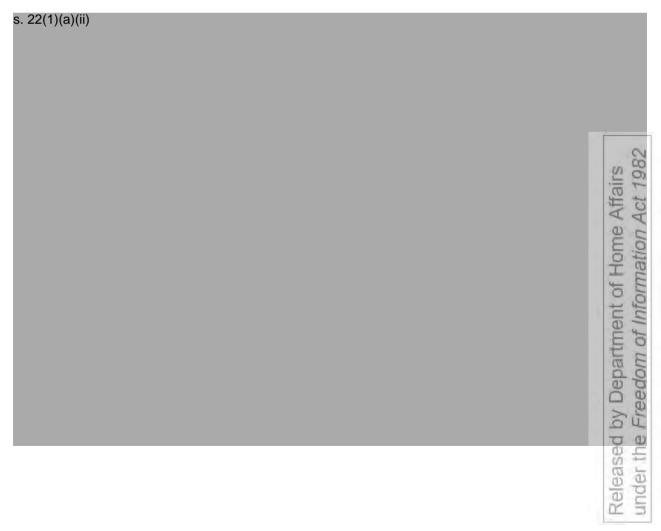
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Subject: RE: Media Enquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Good afternoons. 47F(1)

The below line may be attributed to a spokesperson from the Department of Home Affairs.

• The Department of Home Affairs is looking into the claims made by George Christensen MP.

Kind regards,

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

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### Queensland Public Affairs Officer

Media and Executive Coordination Branch | Executive Division

Department of Home Affairs

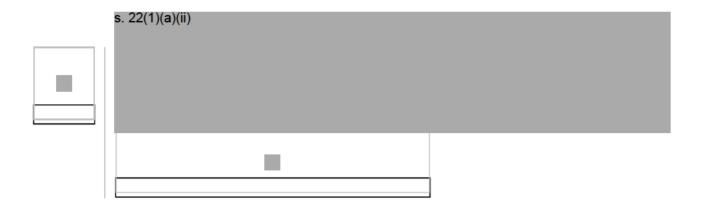
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Subject: FW: Request for additional information | Hayman and Daydream Solar Projects | \*476(1) subclass 400 visa

applications [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

**Date:** Tuesday, 19 June 2018 5:14:31 PM

Attachments: Submission letter - Request for Information - 8.2.2018.pdf

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 June 2018 4:02 PM

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

Subject: FW: Request for additional information | Hayman and Daydream Solar Projects s. 47G(1)(a)

subclass 400 visa applications [ME-ME.FID4188495] [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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

Sent: Tuesday, 13 February 2018 5:08 PM

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

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**Subject:** FW: Request for additional information | Hayman and Daydream Solar Projects subclass 400 visa applications [ME-ME.FID4188495] [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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

Here is the 2<sup>nd</sup> email from the agent.

Regards

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

Assistant Director, Temporary Specialist Visas Section

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From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Thursday, 8 February 2018 4:51 PM

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Please don't hesitate to let me know if you require any additional information.

Kind regards. s. 47F(1)

s. 47G(1)(a)

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Subject: FW: URGENT - group of subclass 400 visa applications lodged for employees <sup>5,47G(1)(a)</sup> due in Australia 22

January 2018 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

**Date:** Tuesday, 19 June 2018 5:18:16 PM

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

**Sent:** Monday, 29 January 2018 11:56 AM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(iii)

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**Subject:** RE: URGENT - group of subclass 400 visa applications lodged for employees in Australia 22 January 2018 [ME-ME.FID4188495] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Should we talk to Australian company first?

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Director, Temporary Specialist Visas Section

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

and I have discussed this matter – can you please review. It came in late on Thursday evening and I don't think remembered Friday was a holiday.

There are approx. **s.** 47E(d) workers (who are said to be highly skilled in a new type of Solar tracking system. **s.** 47C(1)

workers, the majority of which will be Australians, however a large number of foreign specialists are required (i.e. subcontracted via a foreign company) for the construction and commissioning of 2.1 million solar panels.

While, we have missed the Saturday deadline, maybe we should call in Belgrade later to discuss (if time differences allow).

Regards

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

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#### Regards

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

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Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2018 12:03 PM

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

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Urgent - group of subclass 400 visa applications lodged for employees s. 47G(1)(a) - due in

Australia 22 January 2018 [ME-ME.FID4188495] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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

The RMA has provided the required documents – attached for your consideration.

Regards,

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

Office Manager

Department of Home Affairs Australian Embassy Belgrade

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

Sent: Inursday, 25 January 2018 11:35 AM To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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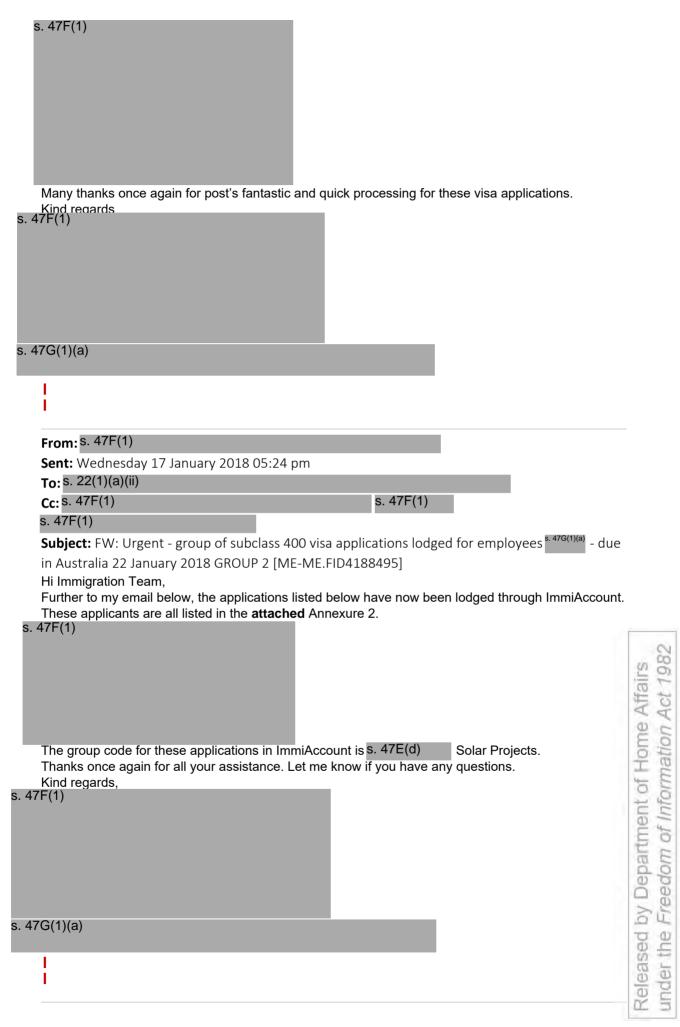
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Your guidance on the following matter would be appreciated. We have so far processed s. 47E(d) for Bulgarian nationals working on the above project. The project involves installation of a large number of solar panels, and going by simple maths, it requires a substantial number of workers. s. 47C(1), s. 47E(d) All applications were lodged via the same RMA, who is in good standing. Thanks and regards, s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Office Manager Department of Home Affairs Australian Embassy Belgrade s. 22(1)(a)(ii) https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/ From: s. 47F(1) Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 8:49 AM To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) **Cc:** s. 47F(1) ; s. 47F(1) ; s. 47F(1) Subject: RE: Urgent - group of subclass 400 visa applications lodged for employees \$.47G(1)(a) - due in Australia 22 January 2018 [ME-ME.FID4188495] Hi Immigration Belgrade, Please be advised that the following additional applications have been lodged under the group s. 47E(d) Solar Projects on ImmiAccount. s. 47F(1)



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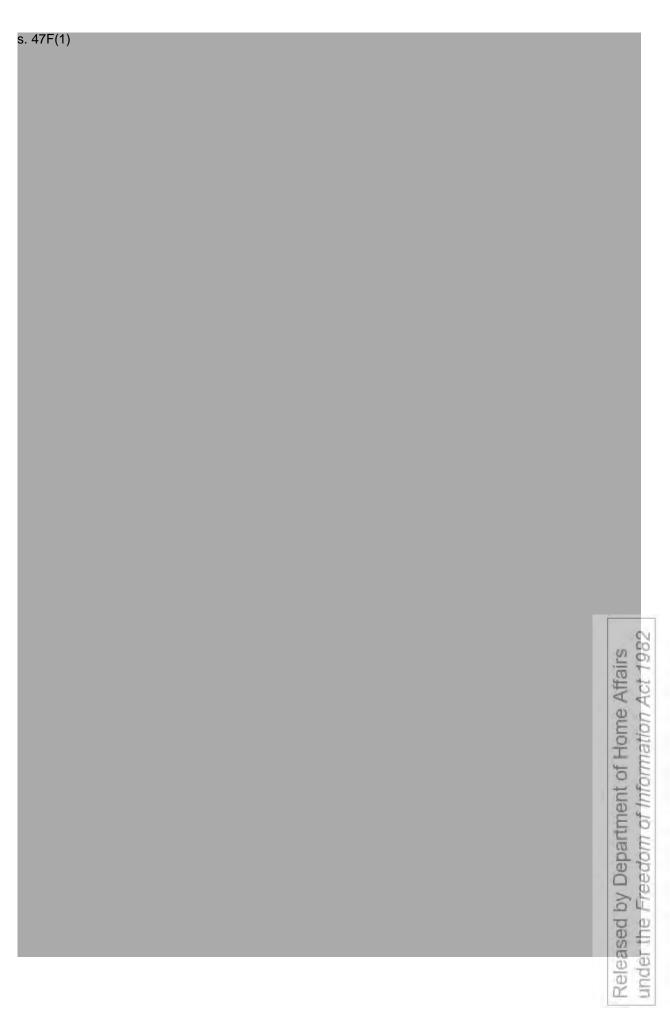
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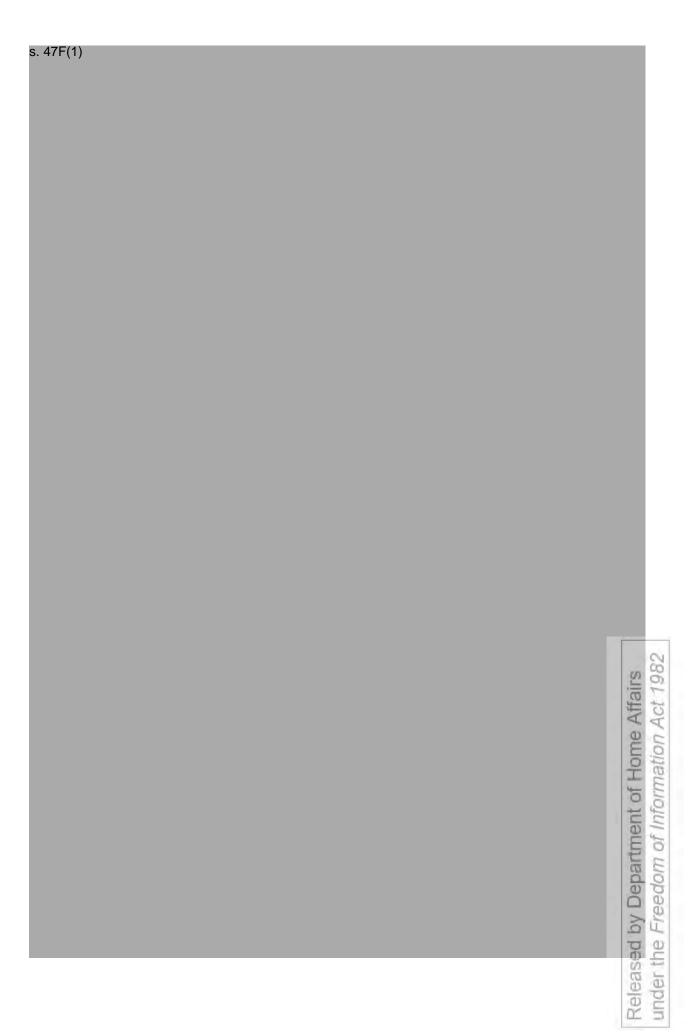
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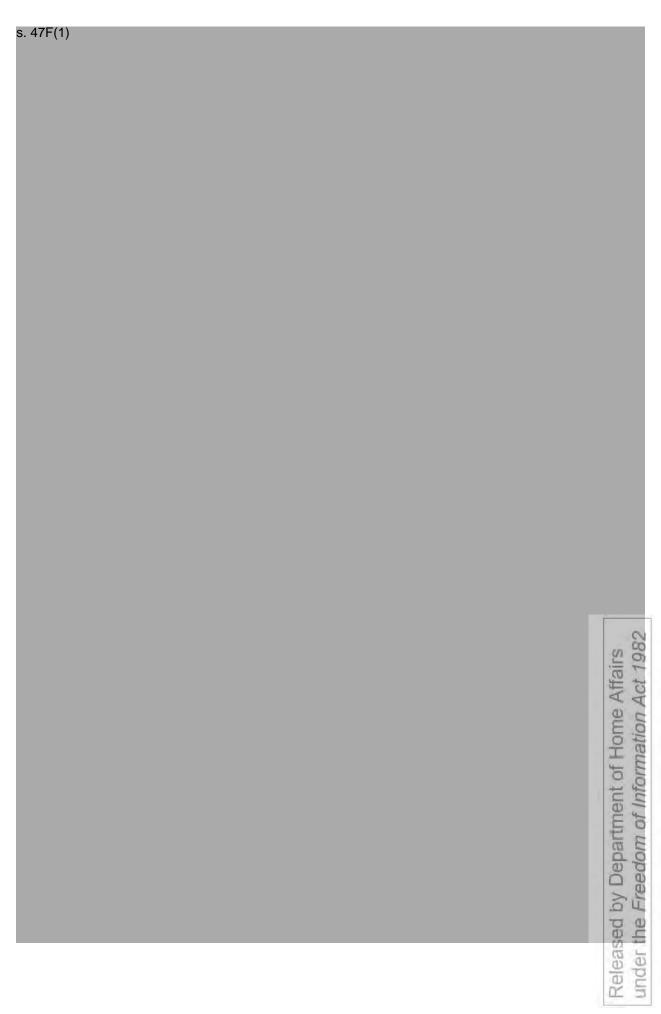
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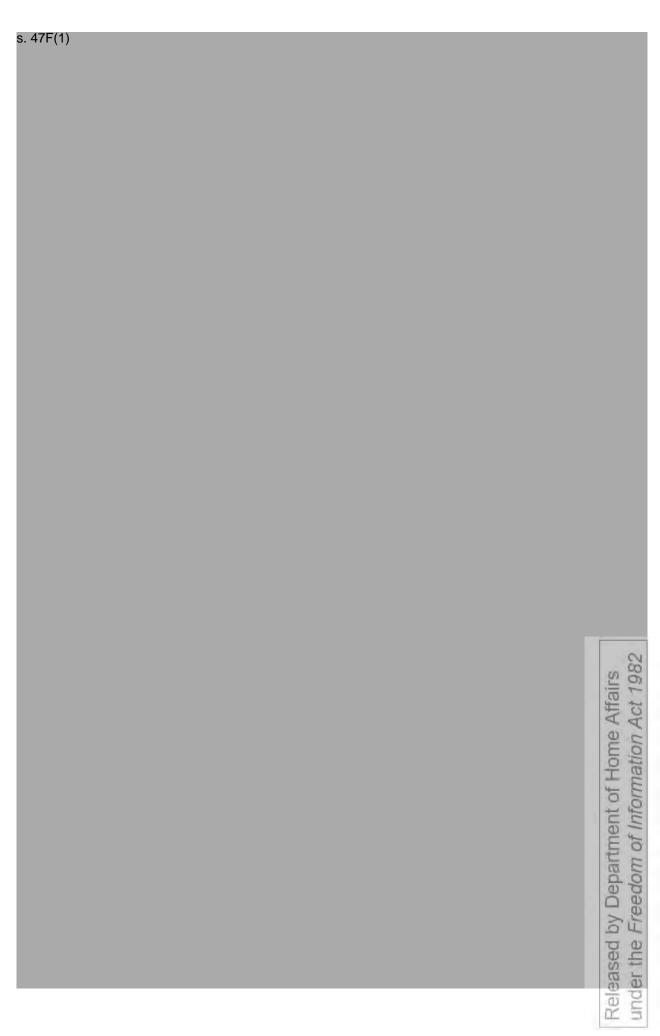
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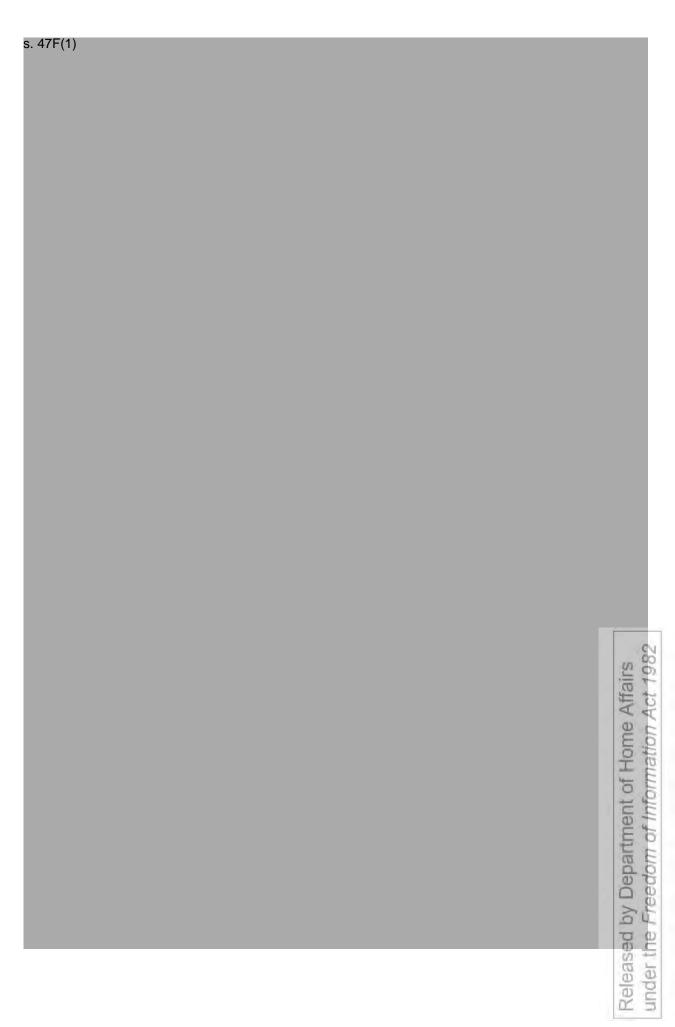
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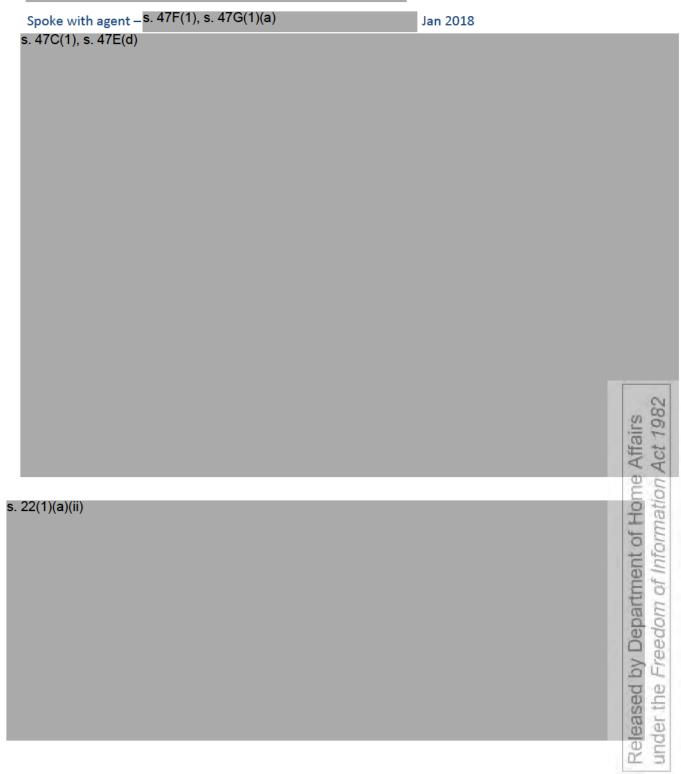
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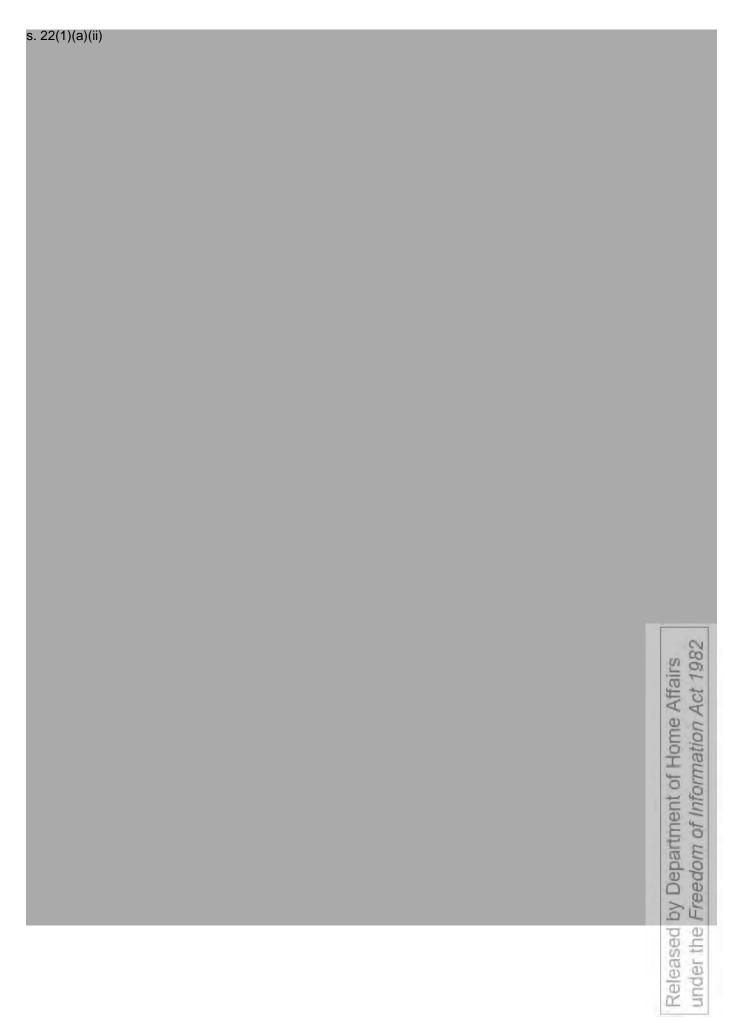
## **Media articles**

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## **SOLAR FARMS**

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