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Sent: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:36 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: regional processing PNG [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Good evening

Cheers

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Hi

Thanks,
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Kind regards,

Acting Director
Regional Processing and Resettlement
Joint Agency Taskforce Operation Sovereign Borders
Department of Home Affairs

Happy to discuss.

Thanks.

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The lines will come from the Regional Processing Task force which now sits within JATF. (copied) would be a good point of contact for you.

Kind regards

s:\(22(1)\)(a)(i)

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

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Sent: Thursday, 11 July 2019 9:37 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au>
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Hi, \(22(1)\)(a)(ii)

Apologies for direct email with a possible silly question, but does your team handle regional processing for PNG?

Thanks, \(22(1)\)(a)(ii)

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Good afternoon Pacific Engagement team,

We’re preparing an issues brief on Regional Processing ahead of the PM’s attendance at the Pacific Islands Forum next month. Grateful if you could review the attached document and let me know if you have any comments or changes by COB Wednesday 24 July.

Please note that I will be on leave next week, so please send any comments to our section inbox at @pmc.gov.au (also cc’ed).

Happy to discuss.

Many thanks,

[Adviser]

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Good morning

CJATF has requested the following be added as his agenda items:

- §47E(d)
- s. 47E(d)
- Regional Processing update
- §47E(d)

Much appreciated,

MA to CJATF OSB

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# Operation Sovereign Borders
## Inter-Departmental Reference Group
### Agenda

**Thursday 8 August 2019**
1530–1630, Malcolm Shepherd Room
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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The Australian Government supports the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Nauru to provide a range of age-appropriate health, education, recreational and cultural services to refugees and asylum seekers, including mental health care.

We’ll separately chat to our internal SPD team about services provided to individuals in immigration detention in Australia/on TPVs etc.

If possible, I’d appreciate any input by 3pm tomorrow so we can meet the COB deadline.

Happy to discuss.

Cheers,

Adviser | Border Security and Law Enforcement Policy
Hi team, just checking in on this request. I understand you’re probably under the pump, but wondered if it would be possible to have some points tomorrow? Let me know.

Cheers,

Adviser | Border Security and Law Enforcement Policy
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ISSUE

Talking points regarding the detention of failed asylum seekers by the Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Authority.

TALKING POINTS

- The Australian Government is aware that the Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Authority has detained a large group of failed asylum seekers under Papua New Guinea's Migration Act 1978.
- The Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Authority has advised that the failed asylum seekers are unlawful non-citizens and no longer have a legal right to remain in Papua New Guinea.
- The Government of Papua New Guinea is acting under its own domestic legislation.
- The Australian Government did not have any role or influence in this process.
- The Papua New Guinea Government will support failed asylum seekers to leave Papua New Guinea.

If asked: where are the failed asylum seekers being detained?

- The Australian Government understands the failed asylum seekers have been detained under the Papua New Guinea Migration Act 1978, in a facility designated for immigration detention purposes.

If asked: why was this operation carried in secret and at night?

- The actions of Papua New Guinea authorities are a matter for the Government of Papua New Guinea.

If asked: What will happen to those detained?

- The Australian Government understands the Government of Papua New Guinea will manage the failed asylum seekers until they depart Papua New Guinea.
Voluntary returns support remains available to the failed asylum seekers to return home or to a country to which they have a right of entry.

**If asked: do these actions mean regional processing in Papua New Guinea is ending as indicated recently by Prime Minister Marape?**

- Papua New Guinea has committed its ongoing support for regional processing arrangements.
  - Our countries are mutually committed to resolving the regional processing caseload through resettlement, returns and removal.
- Australia will continue to support Papua New Guinea in implementing the regional processing arrangements and resolving the caseload.

**If asked: were refugees among those detained?**

- No. The Australian Government understands the detention operation only related to failed asylum seekers who were confirmed by Papua New Guinea as unlawful non-citizens.

**If asked: what happens if someone requires medical treatment?**

- The Government of Papua New Guinea will manage the failed asylum seekers until they depart Papua New Guinea.
- The Australian Government understands the Government of Papua New Guinea has engaged a health services provider to manage the necessary health care needs of failed asylum seekers.

**If asked: what is the Australian Government doing to support failed asylum seekers approved for medical transfer to Australia under the new medevac legislation?**

- The Government of Papua New Guinea will manage the failed asylum seekers until they depart Papua New Guinea.
- The Australian Government understands the Government of Papua New Guinea has engaged a health services provider to manage the necessary health care needs of failed asylum seekers.
- The Government of Papua New Guinea is responsible for providing health services and any required medical treatment will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- Failed asylum seekers remain eligible to request medical transfer to Australia under the medevac legislation. The Australian Government will continue to work closely with the Government of Papua New Guinea to facilitate transfers as required under the medevac legislation.

**If asked: noting concerns of the UNHCR that a number of failed asylum seekers are potentially refugees, what process has been undertaken to confirm that the people detained are actually failed asylum seekers?**

- The Australian Government is aware the Government of Papua New Guinea has undertaken a refugee status determination for all persons under regional processing arrangements. Individuals were invited to participate in the process and provide information to support the assessment of their refugee status.
Further, the Government of Papua New Guinea has in place processes to ensure compliance with its international obligations as part of any removal action.

This is a matter for the Government of Papua New Guinea.

**If asked: were any Australian contracted service providers involved in the detention operation or the ongoing provision of services at the immigration detention centre?**

- No. This operation was carried out by the Government of Papua New Guinea and its service providers.
- The Australian Government and its service providers did not have any role nor influence in this process.

**If asked: were any failed asylum seekers injured during the detention operation?**

- Further information regarding the detention operation of Papua New Guinea authorities should be sought from the Government of Papua New Guinea.

**If asked: noting the previous outcome of court proceedings in Papua New Guinea regarding the legality of detention, how is this action lawful?**

- Under the Papua New Guinea *Migration Act 1978* non-citizens who are unlawful may be subject to detention and removal.
- The detention of unlawful non-citizens by the Government of Papua New Guinea for the purpose of removal is expressly permitted under laws in Papua New Guinea.

**If asked: how many people have been detained?**

- Further information regarding the detention operation of Papua New Guinea authorities should be sought from the Government of Papua New Guinea.

**If asked: why were they detained so soon after Minister Dutton’s trip to Papua New Guinea? Is there a link?**

- No. The Australian Government did not have any role or influence in this process.
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Please see attached media release from PNG ICA about this weekend’s actions.
Cheers

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Director – Counter People Smuggling
Policy Group
Department of Home Affairs
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S22(1)(a)

From: S22(1)(a)
Date: Monday, 12 August 2019 at 4:33:58 pm
To: S22(1)(a)
Cc: S22(1)(a)

Subject: Media statement on Home Affairs web page [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Good afternoon

Please be advised S. 33(a)(iii)

We intend to make minor edits to the cabled TPs from Friday night (currently being cleared) and hope to release a new version later today. I will let you know when this occurs – the released TPs remain under embargo until release or otherwise confirmed.

Noting this is S. 33(a)(iii) (media statement refers).

S. 33(a)(iii)

We will draft a further cable and attach TPs for relevant Posts to respond to potential inquiries – S22(1)(b), we will clear through you tomorrow.

Regards

S22(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
[PORT MORESBY, 12 August 2019] The Papua New Guinea (PNG) Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) confirms that it has placed fifty unlawful non-citizens into immigration detention in the newly opened Bomana Immigration Centre (BIC). Under the PNG Migration Act 1978, anyone in PNG without a valid visa is an unlawful non-citizen and is available for immigration detention and removal.

Following the biggest immigration detention operation ever performed in PNG, the Chief Migration Officer, Mr Solomon Kantha said “ICA has taken this action as a last resort. These individuals have been aware for some time that they had no right to remain in PNG – for some, it has been 3 years or more. Non-refugees are unlawful in the exact same way as someone who overstays their visa or an individual that crosses our borders illegally - they have no visa, no right to remain in our country and must depart to their home country”. Mr Kantha praised the work of the ICA Enforcement team, thanked other law enforcement agencies for their support of the operation and recognised the role of ICA’s health services provider who was also present to support a successful operation.

ICA’s decision to detain the unlawful non-citizens was taken only after all efforts to encourage voluntary departure had failed. Mr Kantha said “these persons have been provided ongoing support and access to services, well beyond what is afforded to everyday PNG citizens. More recently and despite their unlawful status, all have been accommodated in quality hotels here in Port Moresby – where they were not only free to go shopping and sightseeing, but were provided with all their meals and health care. Despite ICA's best efforts to provide support to these individuals and encourage voluntary departure and generous financial assistance - over PGK70,000 for each person – they have chosen to remain in PNG unlawfully”.

Mr Kantha said “I am sure that there are people who will be concerned for the welfare of these men, I would like to assure the PNG community that the arrangements and support provided to these individuals is consistent with the preservation of their rights and needs. The Bomana Immigration Centre is a state-of-the-art facility, where detainees have access to full catering, as well as recreational, religious and onsite medical facilities. Significantly, financial assistance to move on with their lives will continue to remain if they decide to depart PNG voluntarily”.

Mr Kantha concluded by saying “these men are not refugees; they have no right to remain in PNG and are free to return to their country of origin. These men have been detained under the Migration Act to facilitate their departure. Immigration detention is administrative and by its nature, is for a purpose, not a period of time. ICA will support these men to secure travel documents for their return home and their immigration detention will cease upon their departure from PNG. The newly opened Bomana Immigration Centre is a valuable addition to the operational capability of ICA in our role of protecting PNG’s borders. This Centre sends a clear message to those who would seek to circumvent border processes or exploit PNG’s welcoming nature”.

Central Government Office, Ground Floor (Tower A) Melanesian Way, Waigani
PO Box 1790, Boroko | National Capital District | Papua New Guinea
Email: info@immigration.gov.pg
Web: www.immigration.gov.pg

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Can you give me the source of the PM's statement re MMA?

Cheers

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This is what we pitched to SES late yesterday - S. 34(3). Will let you know if I hear differently.
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Subject: RE: Medevac media [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks – this is the flavour of all the media at the moment around the MMA. 22(3)

Cheers

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Just for info – media this afternoon.

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# Operation Sovereign Borders
## Inter-Departmental Reference Group
### Agenda

**Friday 31 May 2019**  
1130 – 1230h, Malcolm Shepherd Room  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Final Minutes

Friday 15 February 2019
0915 – 1015h, Malcolm Shepherd Room
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Item 1. The Chair (Cath Patterson, First Assistant Secretary National Security Division, PM&C) welcomed members.

s. 33(a)(iii)
Hi,

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RE: PMO meeting [SEC-UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks - talk next week

Hi all

I'd mentioned to someone that Just to advise that the meeting has been bumped right to daily next week - will be in touch afterwards.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: RE: CI and PNG contracts [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, 25 June 2019 3:53 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: CI and PNG contracts [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks [REDACTED]—I will chase the CI letter content.

We are trying to follow up with [REDACTED] however it appears the “immediately” maybe an ABC embellishment ... will revert once we have a clearer picture.

Cheers

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

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, 25 June 2019 3:48 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: CI and PNG contracts [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks for the chat earlier. Just confirming that we can begin drafting a response now, to ensure turnaround before 1 July.

Also flagging the article below – Marape, from the floor of PNG Parliament, has called on the Australian Government to end the Paladin contract immediately. Grateful for context on this – and possible some holding lines – as soon as possible.


Thanks and happy to discuss,

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

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Thanks — we will take those comments on board in producing the final letter.

Regards

S.

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Hi

Thanks for sending that through. Broadly happy with the approach in the letter.

A few quick comments:

- Suggest building a couple more decision points into the timeframes - 47C(1)

Happy to discuss.

Cheers

S. 22(1)(a)(ii) | Adviser
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S. 22(1)(a)(i)

Please find attached the . You will see we have linked it all back to the .

We understand .

Welcome any comments or observations.

Cheers

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

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Thanks, if you could keep us in the loop I'd appreciate it.

Also to note that the Bill to repeal Medevac has been referred to a Senate Inquiry by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislative Committee. The Committee is due to report 18 October 2019, which means Senate will not debate the Medevac repeal legislation until the November sitting period. Not unexpected but messaging etc.

Would be good to chat briefly tomorrow.

Cheers

[Signature]

Director | Border Security and Law Enforcement
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We will work through this methodically and in consultation with the MO.

Cheers

[Signature]

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You may be across this already, but flagging that the Senate has just agreed to the following motion concerning Paladin.

Senator Keneally:

To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs, by no later than 12 pm on 23 July 2019, the following documents:

a) any correspondence, emails and notes of discussion between the Department of Home Affairs and:
   i. Paladin, including Paladin Holdings Pte Ltd, Paladin Solutions Group, Paladin Group Australia or Paladin Australia Pte Ltd, and any individuals either employed by, or holding a financial interest in, Paladin, in particular, any correspondence, emails and notes of discussion that include Mr Dermot Casey, and
   ii. NKW Holdings, including NKW Holdings Australia Pte Ltd, and any individuals either employed by, or holding a financial interest in NKW;

b) any formal contracts between the Department of Home Affairs and any of the abovementioned companies to provide services in Papua New Guinea or Manus Island, with commercially sensitive information redacted;

c) any reports prepared by external auditors, particularly Ernst and Young or KPMG, regarding operations undertaken by the abovementioned companies, or the tendering process that secured those services, with commercially sensitive information redacted; and

d) any formal briefings, talking points or Question Time briefings prepared by the Department of Home Affairs in relation to the performance or activities of any of the abovementioned companies, or the tendering process that secured those services.

Link: https://parlwork.aph.gov.au/motions/bd7679ee-719d-e911-a3b0-005056a40008

Regards,

Director | Border Security and Law Enforcement

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Thanks – their visit to Nauru will be directed to Government of Nauru, not Australia. RPTF does not have responsibility for onshore detention matters.

Regards

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message from your computer system.
For awareness, we have also provided to our PM&C Border Security team to review the regional processing and
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: [Redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au
To: [Redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au
Date: Thursday, 18 July 2019 at 6:46:57 pm

Subject: Re: Manus Flotilla - If raised points [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Below is cleared by CIATF with edits in yellow.

If raised: Will the government try to prevent the flotilla departing Australia?
- Private citizens are entitled to sail vessels in Australia’s maritime zones if they comply with domestic laws, or if they wish to enter PNG’s maritime zones, that is a matter for Papua New Guinea.
- Under Operation Sovereign Borders, potential illegal immigrants have zero chance of getting to Australia illegally by boat.
- No one subject to regional processing arrangements will be resettled in Australia.

Regards

[Redacted]@homeaffairs.gov.au

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The team will probably be in touch Monday.

Cheers

[2019-08-02]

Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Aug 2019, at 3:21 pm. S. 22(1)(a)(ii) wrote

We have drafted some points which are going through clearance – they are along the lines you have referenced
Hi both,

To make things as easy for the team as possible next week I’m trying to get a few things sorted ahead of time – the most urgent of which is ensuring that we have agreed TPs for PNG.

Obviously happy to work up some flat TPs for the former – PNG is a sovereign nation with its own legislation and it is not our place to speak to that – but if there’s anything in hand we’d prefer to be aligned.

Thanks and really happy to chat.

Cheers,

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E: 221(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au

From: 221(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 2 August 2019 3:17 PM
To: 221(a)(ii)
Cc: 221(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au>
Subject: 33(a)(iii) [SEC:PROTECTED]

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Hi

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We are finalising TPs ATM and will release before COB today. Looks like it will go ahead tomorrow morning. We will cable TPs to Post but under 47C(1). We need to very carefully manage the...

Hope the back mends quickly.

Director – Counter People Smuggling
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Department of Home Affairs
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M: ...
E: @homeaffairs.gov.au

Released by Department of Home Affairs under the Freedom of Information Act 1982
Just checking in on this to see if we can expect any developments today/ or over the weekend? With weather and flights going the way they are I may well still be in Canberra to deal with it if so!

Good updates at OSB IRG the other day from [PROTECTED] and others. Thanks.

Cheers,

[PROTECTED]
From: 
Sent: 
To: 
Subject: 

Understood – we will send this (a)(iii) until Monday and that cable will be directed (a)(ii). We will share draft before finalising – it will be very bland.

Points below are good for (a). Our points will be slightly more detailed, but not much.

Cheers

Director – Counter People Smuggling Policy Group
Department of Home Affairs

T: 02 22112211
M: 22(1)(a)(ii)
E: 22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au
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Hope the back mends quickly.

Director – Counter People Smuggling
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Department of Home Affairs
T: 02...[SEC=PROTECTED]
M:...[SEC=PROTECTED]
E:...@homeaffairs.gov.au

From:...[SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Friday, 9 August 2019 at 1:56:45 pm
To:...[SEC=PROTECTED]
Cc:...[SEC=PROTECTED]
Hi

Just checking in on this to see if we can expect any developments today/ or over the weekend? With weather and flights going the way they are I may well still be in Canberra to deal with it if so!

Good updates at OSB IRG the other day from [redacted] and others. Thanks.

Cheers,

s. 22(1)(a)(i)

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Please find attached the cable and attached TPs sent to Port Moresby Post this afternoon. As previously advised please ensure close hold of this information. I will provide you with further updates as appropriate over the weekend.

we will reach out to to discuss.

We will draft a further cable for Posts on Monday to help manage any inquiries from countries whose nationals may be among the group and clear through DFAT.

Warm regards

Director – Counter People Smuggling
Policy Group
Department of Home Affairs
Thanks.

Appreciate the heads up.

Good afternoon

Please be advised that s. 33(a)(iii)

We intend to make minor edits to the cabled TPs from Friday night (currently being cleared) and hope to release a new version later today. I will let you know when this occurs – the released TPs remain under embargo until release is otherwise confirmed.

Noting this is s. 33(a)(ii) (media statement refers).

s. 33(a)(iii)

We will draft a further cable and attach TPs for relevant Posts to respond to potential inquiries – we will clear through you tomorrow.

Regards

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

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On 17 Aug 2019, at 7:01 am, @homeaffairs.gov.au wrote:

Please find attached cable sent to various Posts yesterday afternoon providing supporting [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive]

Cheers

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Hi,

I tried calling but must have missed you - I hope this morning isn’t too hectic – if you have a few mins, I’d like to have a quick chat about a few things that have cropped up this morning:

- AFR article on Manus closure – s. 33(a)(iii)
- Cable on s. 33(a)(iii)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

If you could give me a call when you have a few mins so we can chat, that would be grand.

Cheers,

[Adviser]
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Begin forwarded message:

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au
Date: 21 August 2019 at 5:00:27 pm AEST
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au
Subject: Fwd: No answer from [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi

s. 33(a)(iii), s. 47C(1)

[SEC=PROTECTED]

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Awesome, thanks [REDACTED].

I hope you’re not working too much longer!

Sent from my iPhone

On 27 Aug 2019, at 10:08 pm, @homeaffairs.gov.au wrote:

Cheers

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

**Director – Counter People Smuggling**

**Policy Group**

Department of Home Affairs

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E: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Caples@pmc.gov.au

Sent: Tuesday, 27 August 2019 7:04 PM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au

Subject: RE: s. 33(a)(iii) [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive]

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Sensitive

Thanks [REDACTED]

Good to know. Please keep us posted if it looks as though s. 33(a)(iii) and thanks for all the other info.

s. 33(a)(iii)

Cheers,

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au

Sent: Tuesday, 27 August 2019 3:22 PM
Hi,

That’s good news. PM points are more factual background to inform his congratulatory phone call later today, so we’ve just gone with latest numbers, contract dates etc. But our International area has asked whether you have a record of conversation for the PM’s meeting with Aingimea when he was Immigration Minister that you’d be prepared to share?

On a separate but related issues, the Medevac repeal hearing fielded a number of questions about s. 33(a)(iii). That got me thinking about:

Cheers
Very happy to chat, if that's easier, when you have a spare minute.

Cheers,

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

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s. 33(a)(iii)

Cheers

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

Director | Border Security and Law Enforcement Policy
National Security Division | Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
(02 s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 27 August 2019 11:20 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au>, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au>
Subject: RE: s. 33(a)(iii) [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive]

PROTECTED, Sensitive
Hi,

Some early info from post re the new Nauruan president.

regards

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Hi

Just updating our backpocket QTB re Paladin and the EY audit docs tabled in the Senate on 23 August. Have kept the lines flat and non-committal, as follows, but let me know if you have amendments/anything more forward leaning.

Cheers,

If asked about the Ernst and Young (EY) audit into the Paladin contract:

- The Department of Home Affairs engaged Ernst and Young to undertake an internal audit into the tendering and procurement process associated with Paladin Solutions PNG Ltd.
- I understand that the Department of Home Affairs is working through the findings of that audit now.
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Sounds good.

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I think we have just made it tomorrow morning – we are smashed at the moment. Hopefully see you then.

Cheers

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

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Thanks

Look forward to catching up with you this afternoon.

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Please find attached cable sent yesterday on Paladin termination.

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

Regards

S. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Thanks, that’s great.

Cheers

Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Sep 2019, at 8:58 pm, S. 22(1)(a)(ii)@homeaffairs.gov.au wrote:

We are cabling done TPs tomorrow - going through clearance now. We will give you heads up once released.

Cheers

Director Counter People Smuggling
International Policy Division
Department of Home Affairs
T: 02 S. 22(1)(a)(ii)
M: S. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Hi,

Are there HA TPs or media messages on today’s Paladin story in AFR and the broader release of docs to the Senate?

Paladin had 1000 fines for failures

Australian Financial Review, General News, 30/08/19, Angus Grigg, page 1

Security firm Paladin was fined more than 1000 times for ‘performance failures’ by the Home Affairs Department, even as officials insisted they were happy with its delivery of a $532 million refugee services contract for the Morrison government on Manus Island. The revelations are contained in 2700 pages of documents released to the Senate which catalogue incidents of drink-driving and unprofessional behaviour by Paladin employees, chronic understaffing on Manus and an overall lack of transparency in the department’s awarding of the lucrative contract.

Also posted on the Australian Financial Review website.

We might be asked for some response for the PMO soon and I thought I would get ahead of it.

Happy to discuss,