

[12/29/20, 12:28:10 PM] Andrew Keffard: Sorry to disturb.

Secretary keen to know we are pressing on cancellations for visa holders breaching COVID restrictions. Will forward his messages to me just now

AK

[12/29/20, 12:28:44 PM] Andrew Keffard: Are we on this?

MP

The federal government is considering deporting backpackers over Bronte Beach party - SBS News

<https://apple.news/AHk0YSOb9RQe1gjG8yoAfSw>

[12/29/20, 12:28:45 PM] Andrew Keffard: Yes. We had a request from PMO via our office for background a day or so ago

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[12/29/20, 12:28:45 PM] Andrew Keffard: Please keep me informed. I do not want to be caught short of the Minister calls. I have taken leave this week but am on call as Secretary. Push ABF on this.

[12/29/20, 1:09:54 PM] Andrew Keffard: Could you please let me know if we receive referrals. Thanks

[12/29/20, 1:11:05 PM] Justine Saunders: Of course.

[12/29/20, 1:16:27 PM] Andrew Keffard: We don't need referrals. s. 47C

s. 47C

[12/29/20, 1:17:42 PM] Andrew Keffard: From Sec. am inclined to go back and say not so much referral of powers as need identifying details.

What do you reckon?

Have you asked for them?

Would they provide if we did?

[12/29/20, 1:17:46 PM] Andrew Keffard: Sorry!

[12/29/20, 2:08:20 PM] Justine Saunders: I am still A/Comm do also s. 47B(a)
s. 47B(a)

[12/29/20, 2:09:43 PM] Andrew Keffard: Thanks. Have reported to sec but no response yet. Will forward so you have it

[12/29/20, 2:09:53 PM] Andrew Keffard: I have spoken to Justine again, and she called the NSWPol Deputy Commissioner.

s. 47B(a)

Justine confirmed we are reliant on them providing identifying information to facilitate any cancellation consideration in support of NSW response.

[12/29/20, 2:15:19 PM] Andrew Keffard: From Sec.

Can we get the details of the infringement notices so that we can consider those cases for cancellation?

[12/29/20, 2:17:47 PM] Andrew Keffard: Thanks. s. 47C

[12/29/20, 3:23:48 PM] Justine Saunders: Andrew - I am not sure why but I can't see the email you mentioned had come to us both. Can you forward to me?

[12/29/20, 3:25:31 PM] Andrew Keffard: Have sent. Went to Justine Jones not you sorry.

[12/29/20, 3:45:40 PM] Justine Saunders: 🙄

[12/29/20, 7:08:32 PM] Justine Saunders: Hi Andrew. Sorry I missed you. Spoke to Craig Maclachlan re exemptions this afternoon and mentioned the Bronte issue. He suggested that I contact s. 22(1)(a)(i)

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

which I have done. I have briefed s. 22(1)(a)(ii) on s. 47E(d) and the work we have done to date. I also relayed my conversation with NSW Police. He will be talking to Minister Hawk shortly and will come back to me if Minister has any concerns or queries. He appreciated the advice and NSW feedback. Justine

[12/29/20, 7:08:59 PM] Andrew Keffard: Ack. Thanks



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File Note: temporary visa holders breaching COVID-19 restrictions

29 December 2020

I received a WhatsApp message from the Secretary (MP) at 12.18 attaching an Apple News article "The federal government is considering deporting backpackers over Bronte Beach party – SBS news". The message was "Are we on this? MP"

- I responded at 1223:

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- MP at 12:25:

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- AK 12:25

Will do

- AK 12:28 to Justine Saunders (JS)

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[MP Message of 12:18]

[AK Message of 12:23]

[MP Message of 12:25]

- AK 13:09 to JS

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- JS 13:11

Of course

- AK 13:09

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... [section on global call centre outage and travel bans not relevant to this matter]

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Will update when call centre fixed and when/if we receive referrals from NSWPol. AK

- MP 13:13

We don't need referrals. s. 47C

- AK 13:16 to JS

[MP Message of 13:13]

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- AK 13:17 to JS

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- AK 13:56

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- JS 14:08

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- AK 14:09 to JS

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[AK Message of 13:56]

- MP 14:13

Can we get the details of the infringement notices so that we can consider those cases for cancellation?

- AK14:14

Will ask

- AK 14:15 to JS

[MP Message of 14:13]

- MP 14:16


Thanks. s. 47C
s. 47C

- AK 14:17

Yes

- AK 14:17 to JS

[MP Message of 14:16]


Andrew Kefford PSM
Deputy Secretary Immigration and Settlement Services
29 December 2020

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