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Hi ,

We have pulled together and cleaned up a rough transcript of Minister Giles on Sky News earlier today (attached).

Please let us know if you would like this uploaded to the website.

Thanks,



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Subject: Re: FOR INFO: Additional queries on drones[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 30 May 2024 5:23:23 PM

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Hi all

This is noted.

Thank you

s. 22(1)(a)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a),

Further to our conversation, please see below response for your noting.

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Attributable to an Australian Border Force spokesperson:

- The Australian Border Force (ABF) does not comment on the specifics of its

operational capability or that of its law enforcement partners.

- Under Operation AEGIS, ABF and Australian Federal Police are working closely with state and territory authorities and law enforcement to ensure community safety.
- The use of surveillance technology by law enforcement agencies is governed by strict legislative requirements.

Thanks

s. 22

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

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Subject: FOR INFO: Additional queries on drones [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a),

For info and further to s. 22(1)(a)(ii) email below, we have now received a number of additional queries in regard the comment on drones:

SMH/The Age

Sky News Afternoon (Andrew Clennell)

ABC Radio National

The Guardian

The West Australian

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

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Subject: FOR INFO: EN s. 47F(1) - drones [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a),

We've received an enquiry from s. 47F(1) asking for clarification about the Minister's comments on drones during the Sky News interview.

He wants to know how they are used in Op AEGIS.

Would you like to discuss with him or would you like us to prepare an ABF response?

s. 22

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Subject: Re: FOR NOTING: s. 47F(1) follow up question on the use of drones[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 31 May 2024 1:19:51 PM

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

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As background.

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That's noted, thanks. Can I check if this is attributable or background?

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

For noting, we were asked a follow up question from s. 47F(1) last night below about the specific legislation we referred to in our original response about the use of surveillance technology, we intend to provide this to s. 47F(1):

RESPONSE OFFICIAL

A range of legislation governs the use of surveillance technology including:

- o Customs Act 1901
- o Migration Act 1958
- o Privacy Act 1988 (including Australian Privacy Principles)
- o Maritime Powers Act 2013
- o Surveillance Devices Act 2004
- o Part 101 of the CASA Regulations

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Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)

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Hi team

Can you please handle this one?

Thanks

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Great. We will leave it as is.

Please reach out if you need anything otherwise.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) is on-call this weekend, but I am happy to make myself available to manage this issue, if required.

s. 22

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

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Happy with that approach – I have similarly said ‘please refer to my previous answer’.

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Hi team

Can you please handle this one?

Thanks

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)

Yes, thanks. I'll get Web Services onto it now.

Best regards

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

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Hi all

Can we please upload the below transcript to the minister's media website?

Thank you

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MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP
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TRANSCRIPT

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TELEVISION INTERVIEW
SKY NEWS
TUESDAY, 30 MAY 2024

Subjects: New revised Ministerial Direction, strict visa conditions, significant progress towards applications for preventative detention

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KIERAN GILBERT: Immigration Minister Andrew Giles. Thanks for your time. Can I start by asking you, how did you feel when you were told of that New Zealand citizen who raped his 14 year old stepdaughter, having his deportation overturned? As Minister, how did you feel when you were notified of that?

ANDREW GILES: Well, as Minister and as a human being, obviously that's shocking. Absolutely shocking. And it goes to the real challenge here, which I'm up for, which is making sure that we are right on top of this, that I'm working day and night to deal with these issues in terms of decisions like this not being notified. We've put in place a protocol and that protocol is working. There have been decisions where the AAT has been overturning cancellation. They have been notified, cancellation submissions are underway. We're working day and night to get on top of this, to ensure that my priority, community safety, is the priority that we see across the booth system.

KIERAN GILBERT: Well, just on that case, the 14 year old ended up having to go to New Zealand to get away from the situation. This is exactly the sort of thing where, as you pointed out yesterday, the tribunal just wasn't showing common sense.

ANDREW GILES: Well, that's right. And what we have seen over the last few days is the tribunal doing this not just in Ministerial direction 99, but going back quite some way. The Prime Minister went through a range of cases in question time yesterday where the tribunal have been making decisions that don't meet the expectations of the Australian community, that don't meet the standard of common sense.

KIERAN GILBERT: Were you frustrated by that? Because direction 99 said that if there were offences so serious that even strong countervailing considerations may be insufficient. And it listed the crimes like sexual crimes against women and children. And yet the tribunal overturned the deportation of child rapists. How does that eventuate?

ANDREW GILES: Well, this is why we are, in the first instance looking at these cases where revocations have happened. I've dealt with eight cases now I will deal with the others as a matter of the utmost urgency.

KIERAN GILBERT: Can you tell us a bit about those eight cases?

ANDREW GILES: Well, these are cases that go to some serious offending, some really serious offending, that, frankly, where the decision of the tribunal does not meet my expectations, I've considered them and it's in the national interest, in my view, that the visas continue to be cancelled so that the community can be kept safe. This is, of course, Kieran, why we're going to issue a new revised Ministerial direction to ensure that community protection is absolutely the centre of this and that we strengthen some of the other aspects, family violence, but also really ensure that the perspective of victims and victims families is brought to bear.

Speaker A. So, you've cancelled. You said eight. Was it eight? Eight now so far. And there's 30 in the mix right now. That you're looking at around 30 is absolute priorities and those people will be booted.

ANDREW GILES: Well, I will consider the cancellation as you'd

imagine. I've got to apply the test, but I'm considering these cancellations as a matter of the utmost urgency. Submissions are coming up and I will consider them as soon as they come up and I will deal with them in accordance with my view about the national interest and the absolute imperative of community safety.

KIERAN GILBERT: Did your department wargame the operation of direction 99? Is it true that there were, that you were forewarned that there would be 2800 cases that would have to be re notified? Is that true?

ANDREW GILES: No, that's not quite right. That number refers to a backlog of cases at the time. What the case is when we looked at Ministerial direction 99, this was not how it was supposed to operate. That was not the advice that we were given. In fact, we were given the opposite advice in terms of the impact on the sort of serious crimes that we have seen. And this is why we will issue a new revised direction to avoid any doubt in the operation of our visa system. So, again, common sense will apply and the community of the safety of the community will be of the absolute highest importance.

KIERAN GILBERT: Yeah, I think many people would welcome that. But just to clarify, when the department wargamed with you direction 99, that it did not give you forewarning that some of these serious cases, that you wanted to see individuals deported, that they would be overturned.

ANDREW GILES: The intent of Ministerial direction 99 and the work that was done in preparing it did not indicate that these sort of serious crimes would be affected.

KIERAN GILBERT: The department failed you, according to the home affairs secretary, Stephanie Foster. Can I ask you, she says that we did not meet our agreed protocol. What was the protocol?

ANDREW GILES: Well, the Minister and his office needs to be notified when decisions like this happen. That just didn't happen. That's why I put in place a 24 hours protocol, which, as I said this week, three decisions have been made where a visa has been given back. In all of those, I've been notified and I will be receiving a submission going to cancellation. That's the sort of expectation that I have about how these matters will be dealt with.

KIERAN GILBERT: In hindsight, should you have put in a six month review or a twelve month review of direction 99, as the opposition is arguing, you should have.

ANDREW GILES: There have been regular meetings around character - what I'm focused on at the moment is making sure that we've got the right processes in place. The first job is making sure that the visas which need to be cancelled are cancelled. That's my first priority. Day and night. I am working on that. The second one is to ensure that we've got a protocol in place now that ensures that decisions are notified. That's in place, that is working. The third one is to make sure that we have a direction that gives effect to the government's expectations, to my expectations, and most importantly, to the expectations of the Australian community.

KIERAN GILBERT: But if you'd done a formal review of the direction after six months, you could have then used your Ministerial power to override some of these incredibly well decisions that are hard to get your head around, that lack common sense, as you put it.

ANDREW GILES: Well, what was required was for the cases that have been overturned. You know, these are all decisions, remember Kieran, where my department has cancelled the visa, my department has cancelled the visa and then the tribunal has overturned that decision. The fundamental problem here is that, as well as the decisions, of course, being overturned is that no notice was given to me so that I could respond to that. That is what we are fixing.

KIERAN GILBERT: Yes. So, as part of that fix, you've got the new Ministerial direction. When is that going to be in place?

ANDREW GILES: As soon as possible.

Speaker A. So, what are we talking days?

ANDREW GILES: I've given really clear directions to the secretary and the senior legal counsel about exactly what I want to see, remembering that we've got to get it right, we've got to get it in place quickly. But it's got to be effective because we've seen that former directions issued by Peter Dutton and other Ministers led to similar outcomes at the AAT. We've got to make sure we get it right, but we've also got to make sure it's in place as a matter of urgency. I'll be meeting with my department officials straight after this interview, Kieran, to work through this and to set out my very clear expectation

that I want this to happen urgently.

KIERAN GILBERT: We don't need legislation, so you can do it as soon as it's fixed, as soon as it's written, it's finalised.

ANDREW GILES: Yep. But I want to make sure that it will be effective.

KIERAN GILBERT: Why not just go back to section as it was in 2014, section 501 of the migration law had mandatory visa cancellations for non citizens convicted of child sex offences, or if they're sentenced to more than twelve months in jail. For a lot of Australians, that would make. Make a lot of sense just to go back to that situation-

ANDREW GILES: Sorry Kieran. Let me be very clear. That is the rule. That is the law. No change has been made.

KIERAN GILBERT: But no caveats around it?

ANDREW GILES: No. The situation. When you meet that criteria, one year imprisonment or child sex offence, your visa is cancelled under me. All of these visas were cancelled. They were overturned in some cases by the tribunal. The contrast is what happened under Peter Dutton where he. His department, not the tribunal, not the court, gave visas back to people. We heard about this yesterday in Senate estimates 102 sex offenders, 64 child sex offenders as well as others. And I think it's interesting that he's had nothing to say about this. Just as he's had nothing to say about the person he released or his delegate released who was involved in that awful incident in Perth a couple of weeks ago.

KIERAN GILBERT: Peter Dutton cancelled more than 6000 visas. More than any other Minister, so he's certainly taken a tough line on these matters and the measures that you talk about. That's not like the systemic problem we're seeing under direction 99.

ANDREW GILES: He says he's taken a tough line. But he has had nothing to say about why his delegate overturned the cancellation of the visa for the man involved allegedly in the assault in Perth. He's had nothing to say about these other decisions. Again made by his department. Not by court, not by a tribunal. I think it's incumbent on him.

KIERAN GILBERT: But does it really compare to this structural problem we've seen under this direction 99?

ANDREW GILES: Yes, I mean the systemic problem that we're seeing here- I'll make two points to that, Kieran. Again, we saw in question time yesterday a number of decisions made under previous directions, including when Mr Dutton was the Minister. Were similarly overturned by the tribunal. So, this is something that happened on his watch as well. And I think there is something systemic when we are talking about decisions that are made again not by an independent tribunal, not by a court of law, but by the department for which the Minister is directly responsible. I think that does point to something.

KIERAN GILBERT: Very serious and strange structural on the politics. Are you safe in this job because you were told to implement direction 99 by the Prime Minister? It was a deal done with the New Zealand Prime Minister. So, essentially you were doing a request.

ANDREW GILES: From him in doing the job that I do. I'm focused on outcomes, not political arguments. And certainly that's how I've been conducting myself over the last few days. Relentlessly focusing day and night on ensuring that visas which need to be cancelled are cancelled. Putting in place mechanisms that make a difference right now and putting in place measures that will deal with some of the structural issues that have come to.

KIERAN GILBERT: Light on some of those measures. Then the preventative detention order. We heard a lot about those. None in place yet. How far are they off? Preventative detention orders to get some of those released back into detention?

ANDREW GILES: These are progressing. Six cases are before the expert review stage, which is the last stage before a matter can go to the court for a court to make an order for preventative detention, 26 are in an advanced stage of preparation. There's an enormous amount of work that's been involved in getting to this stage, because to make one of these applications, as Dan Tehan and Senator Paterson have acknowledged, involves a very high threshold. Tens of thousands of pages of documents need to be considered. And the comparison here is to the high risk terror offender scheme upon which our scheme is modelled, which was a liberal scheme. It took three years for the first application to come in. We've got six before expert review now with 26 advanced as well.

KIERAN GILBERT: Do you feel comfortable that there are two murderers from that NZYQ cohort that aren't being monitored, that don't have electronic monitoring right now?

ANDREW GILES: Well, they are being monitored, Kieran, and there's a couple of points to be made here. Firstly, the Border Force commissioner, Michael Altrum, dealt with this in Senate estimates yesterday. What's being done through our strong laws, which impose strict visa conditions on everyone in the cohort, including daily monitoring as well as the other discretionary conditions. There is a quarter of a billion dollars that we've invested in supporting our law enforcement agencies to enforce, and that's enabled things like using drones to keep track of these people we know.

KIERAN GILBERT: But why not just have them all with electronic monitoring?

ANDREW GILES: Because the law doesn't allow it. The law requires a consideration of each person's circumstances. That's what the law.

KIERAN GILBERT: If they're a convicted murderer, this seems a no brainer that you would have every single monitoring.

ANDREW GILES: The law requires that the individual circumstances need to be considered. That's why we put in place a community protection board to provide advice to the delegates, so that experts are forming a view on this. But I say again, there is so much being done for this cohort. Spot checks, random house checks, as well as the use of drones that I just touched on. And the contrast here is to those people I spoke about earlier who petered up and released without any conditions. Without any conditions at all.

KIERAN GILBERT: Did your department come up with those numbers, though, on Peter Dutton Reed? Because you would have thought they should be focused on more important things right now.

ANDREW GILES: Well, my department is focused on more important things right now. As I think I've illustrated. Eight visas have been cancelled. There are many more underway. We've got this protocol in place. What Peter Dutton did is a matter for Peter Dutton and he should come up and explain.

KIERAN GILBERT: They want your. Just finally, they want your scalp. The coalition, clearly they're at you day in, day out. Do you think the Prime Minister maybe should move you on to get a reset in this space?

ANDREW GILES: I am focused on doing my job, Kieran. There's a lot of political arguments out there. That always happens in this building. I've got a job to do. I'm relentlessly focused on that job. There is so much to be done. There was a shocking mess of a migration system that we inherited. Fixing it is my job. The million visa backlog, the shocking exploitation that was endemic revealed in the Nixon review, the abuse of our visa system, all of these things require relentless focus and I'm up for that job.

KIERAN GILBERT: Immigration Minister Andrew Giles. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

ANDREW GILES: Thanks, Kieran.

ENDS

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For info, thanks

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For info, another enquiry about drone usage (we're working on 4 drones enquiries now).

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Thanks s. 22(1)(a), I've sent those 4 responses now.

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

This is noted to be provided to s. 47F(1) proactively as discussed with s. 22(1)(a)(ii).

Thank you

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

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)

Please see the journo's enquiry **highlighted below**, and note our proposed response:

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From a Departmental spokesperson:

Operation AEGIS may use aerial imagery from a variety of sources for operational planning purposes, for example to confirm the location of a BVR holder's accommodation. This imagery can also assist identify facilities in proximity of the accommodation that may be relevant to an individual's visa conditions.

//

Best regard

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s,

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Subject: RE: Inquiry - [s. 47F\(1\)](#) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Sunday, 2 June 2024 11:15:00 AM

OFFICIAL

Good morning [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

Is this the statement you are referring to?

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From a Departmental spokesperson:

Operation AEGIS may use aerial imagery from a variety of sources for operational planning purposes, for example to confirm the location of a BVR holder's accommodation. This imagery can also assist identify facilities in proximity of the accommodation that may be relevant to an individual's visa conditions.

\\\\\\

Thanks

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

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Hi

Can we please provide S. 47F(1) with the statement sent to S. 47F(1) yesterday? She has called to ask me for it.

Thanks

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

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Date: Sunday, 2 June 2024 1:48:00 PM

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Good afternoon,

For info, we have received the below enquiry regarding drone use by the ABF.

We plan to use the below response.

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From a Departmental spokesperson:

Operation AEGIS may use aerial imagery from a variety of sources for operational planning purposes, for example to confirm the location of a BVR holder's accommodation. This imagery can also assist identify facilities in proximity of the accommodation that may be relevant to an individual's visa conditions.

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Thanks

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

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Subject: FOR INFO 240601 EN Drone use_s. 47F(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Sunday, 2 June 2024 2:35:00 PM

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Good afternoon s. 22(1)(a),

For info we have received this follow up question from s. 47F(1), asking us to confirm if the aerial imagery taken by drone "has" been used by Operation AEGIS.

Let me know if you'd like us to respond.

Thanks

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

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Good afternoon s. 22(1)(a),

For info, we've received this follow up enquiry from s. 47F(1) journalist s. 47F(1) asking to clarify if aerial imagery means drones or Google earth.

Thanks

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

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[SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Good afternoon s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

For info, we've received a follow up email from s. 47F(1) asking to clarify what BVR stands for in the below context.

Are you happy for me to reply saying it stands for Bridging Visa Removals?

Thanks

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Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii) that's fine - might be worth specifically saying those are the visas the NZYQ cohort are on.

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

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Confirming Thursday- thank you for spotting that.

Cheers

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

Please confirm the day/date of the transcript for Min Giles with Sky News – the transcript says Tuesday 30 May. However 30 May was Thursday.

(Drafting now)

Kind regards,

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

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This is now the final version - a couple of additional tweaks. Please let me know ASAP if any factual errors.

I understand s. 22(1)(a)(ii) has also sent this directly to the Secretary.

Thank you

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

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30 VISAS CANCELLED OVER THE PAST WEEK

Over the last week I have cancelled 30 visas of non-citizens with serious criminal histories, in the national interest.

It is clear that the AAT's decision to reinstate these visas did not meet community expectations, and Ministerial Direction 99 has not been working as the Government intended.

The Government is on track to overhaul this regime and put in place a new Direction before the end of the week.

Last week, in an interview on Sky News, I stated that Operation AEGIS was using drones.

I relied on information provided by my Department at the time, which has since been clarified.

As part of the work monitoring and supporting community safety, Operation AEGIS draws on information from a range of sources using different technologies including aerial open-source and other imagery through their work with state and territory law enforcement bodies.

Our strong laws impose strict visa conditions on everyone in the NZYQ cohort that were released due to a High Court decision.

This can include electronic monitoring, curfews, financial reporting, spot checks, random home visits, as well as the other mandatory conditions which means the location of every individual is known.

As the Government has consistently said, community safety is our number one priority and

we will always act in the interest of Australians.

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Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii) — makes sense.

I'm told the Secretary's office is also discussing with the Commissioner's office, so I am awaiting that advice for you.

What is your hard deadline to finalise and issue?

s. 22

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

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Thank you. We are comfortable with just saying cancellations as the broad public's understanding of cancellations includes cancellations & refusals in this instance.

I understand ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} has spoken directly to the Secretary as well.

Thanks again

^{s. 22}

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

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Subject: RE: FOR FACT CHECK: Media statement[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 3 June 2024 1:16:17 PM

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Hi s. 22(1)(a),

As discussed, apart from the advice about cancellations and refusals and verifying the number, no further issues have been raised.

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We plan to issue at 1:30 so if we could have final advice by 1 that would be great. There have been a couple of small tweaks from this end, please see below.

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Thanks S. 22(1)(a) – makes sense.

I'm told the Secretary's office is also discussing with the Commissioner's office, so I am awaiting that advice for you.

What is your hard deadline to finalise and issue?

s. 22

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

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Thank you. We are comfortable with just saying cancellations as the broad public's understanding of cancellations includes cancellations & refusals in this instance.

I understand s. 22(1)(a)(ii) has spoken directly to the Secretary as well.

Thanks again

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Date: Monday, 3 June 2024 6:37:46 PM

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Thanks for the update s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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The below will be sent to s. 22(1)(a) shortly:

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[past week \(homeaffairs.gov.au\)](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au)

The Department has nothing further to add.

Kind regards

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

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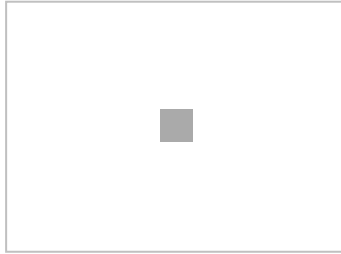
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[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 3 June 2024 1:38:32 PM



ANDREW GILES MP
MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

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MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2024

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Date: Thursday, 30 May 2024 9:39:00 AM

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Quick points on case monitoring in the community:

- Drone footage over accommodation – to ascertain a) property risks, b) proximity to other properties/community/risk settings (eg: licenced venues).
- Risk assessments of the accommodation – for staff and community
- Case summaries shared with law enforcement agencies (ABF/State based police/AFP) which includes background, pictures of resident, accommodation layout.
- State based law enforcements/AFP/ABF and Home Affairs – sharing information and risks – to ensure monitoring in community
- Based on risk – program of monitoring for case example over a fortnight
 - o Daily phone calls – wellbeing/attitude/behaviours of concern
 - o Random home visits – s. 47E(d)
 - o Local police visited property (random times) s. 47E(d)
 - o Contact with workplace and co-located family (compliance on attendance and behaviour)

Let me know if there is anything else you need.

Emma Cassar
Associate Secretary Immigration
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For visibility.

Cheers

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Hi Emma

I think you might have found this already, but just in case – here is the transcript of Minister Giles on Sky this morning, with the relevant comments below:

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Minister Giles: The law requires that the individual circumstances need to be considered. That's why we put in place a Community Protection Board to provide advice to the delegates, so that experts are forming a view on this. But I say again, there is so much being done for this cohort: spot checks, random house checks, as well as the use of drones that I just touched on. And the contrast here is to those people I spoke about earlier who Peter Dutton release released without any conditions. Without any conditions at all.

Kind regards

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Thank you !

Vanessa Holben PSM
 Deputy Commissioner
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Just further to my last.

The MO is happy for us not to provide a response.

I will be monitoring across the weekend and will be available if further issues arise.

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii), apologies for not having finalised this before now.

Can we please go back with the same lines as yesterday. The Commissioner has approved this approach.

Thanks

Vanessa

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Subject: RE: S. 47F(1) request - urgent inquiry[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

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Regards,

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

A/g Commander

Operation AEGIS

Immigration Compliance Operations Division

Immigration Compliance Group

Department of Home Affairs

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

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Hi Vanessa and s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

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As below the Minister's Office has asked us to provide the standard lines about Op AEGIS.

Are you happy with this:

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 - o These include compliance, investigations, removal and surveillance functions.

Happy to discuss

s. 22

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

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OFFICIAL

Hi team

Can you please handle this one?

Thanks

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

Media Advisor

Office of Andrew Giles MP | Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

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Subject: Re: OP AEGIS and drones usage[SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Saturday, 1 June 2024 2:22:25 PM

PROTECTED

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii), thank you, this is all good now.

Cleared.

Vanessa

Vanessa Holben PSM
Deputy Commissioner
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Australian Border Force
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Vanessa

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Hi Dave, Im all good with this.

Vanessa Holben PSM
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Thanks - not so much as a mia culpa as a statement of fact. I'll show the boss when he's out of the current session but I think it'll be ok, assuming Vanessa is happy.

Cheers

Dave

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Hi David,

As discussed, the statement has been updated and below is currently what they are planning to provide.

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

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We plan to issue at 1:30 so if we could have final advice by 1 that would be great. There have been a couple of small tweaks from this end, please see below.

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Hi [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) no issues from me.

Thanks

Vanessa

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Hi David and Vanessa,

Please see below departmental approach to media enquiries about the advice given to the MO about drones.

They have asked me to ensure the Commissioner has visibility.

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

Director | Australian Border Force Media

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

Following on from the conversation Heike and I had with yourself and the Secretary, we propose to reply to any journalists who approach us in relation to the ministerial statement:

The Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs released a statement addressing this matter earlier today, which can be found here: [30 visas cancelled over the past week \(homeaffairs.gov.au\)](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au)

The Department has nothing further to add.

This approach has been agreed with the office.

Can you please check that the Secretary is comfortable with this? And if so, we will reply to The

s. 47F(1)

Kind regards

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

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

The boss has reviewed and is supportive of this language. Secretary has also been shown and acknowledged.

With thanks

Dave

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Subject: FW: FOR INFO: Additional queries on drones [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi David,

As discussed, below is the response provided to us by Sandra – and cleared by Emma Cassar.

It is now with s. 22(1)(a)(ii) for noting.

s. 22

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

Further to our conversation, please see below response for your noting.

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Thanks

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Subject: FOR INFO: Additional queries on drones [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi [REDACTED]

For info and further to [REDACTED] email below, we have now received a number of additional queries in regard the comment on drones:

SMH/The Age
Sky News Afternoon (Andrew Clennell)
ABC Radio National
The Guardian
The West Australian
Cyber Daily

Regards

[REDACTED]

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

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Subject: FOR INFO: EN SMH S. 47F(1) [REDACTED] - drones [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

We've received an enquiry from S. 47F(1) asking for clarification about the Minister's comments on drones during the Sky News interview.

He wants to know how they are used in Op AEGIS.

Would you like to discuss with him or would you like us to prepare an ABF response?

S. 22
[REDACTED]

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

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From: [David COYLES](#)
To: [Clare SHARP](#)
Subject: Media TPs re drones[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 30 May 2024 5:43:39 PM

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Hi Clare,

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Regards

David

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From: [Clare SHARP](#)
To: [Petrushka MAZUR](#)
Subject: CM: Fwd: Media TPs re drones[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 30 May 2024 5:45:52 PM

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Here are the TPs for sharing with AGD.

Clare Sharp

Group Manager

Legal Group

Department of Home Affairs

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Regards

David

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See below as discussed.

Sandra and Vanessa have cleared

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Subject: FW: FOR FACT CHECK: Media statement[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Hi Emma

Please note below. We will need to be prepared for enquiries following this.
Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Thanks
Heike

Heike Phillips (she/her)
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Importance: High

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Hi all

Please see below a draft media statement from Minister Giles. Can we please get this fact checked by 11:30?

Thanks

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

Media Advisor

Office of Andrew Giles MP | Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
Federal Member for Scullin

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30 VISAS CANCELLED UNDER CANCELLATION BLITZ

Over the last week I have cancelled 30 visas of non-citizens with serious criminal histories as part of the Government's visa cancellation blitz.

It is clear that the AAT's decision to reinstate these visas did not meet community expectations, and Ministerial Direction 99 has not been working as the Government intended.

The Government is on track to overhaul this regime and implement a new Direction before the end of the week.

Last week, in an interview on Sky News, I stated that Operation AEGIS was using 'drones to keep track of these people'. This statement was not fully accurate.

I was drawing on a summary of information provided to me by my Department at the time,

which has since been clarified.

As part of the work monitoring and supporting community safety, Operation AEGIS draws on information from a range of sources using different technologies including aerial open-source and other imagery through their work with state and territory law enforcement bodies.

Our strong laws impose strict visa conditions on everyone in the cohort.

This can include electronic monitoring, curfews, financial reporting, spot checks, random home visits, as well as the other mandatory conditions which means the location of every individual is known.

As the Government has consistently said, community safety is our number one priority and we will always act in the interest of Australians.

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