



MEDIA ENQUIRY

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QUESTION / ISSUE

Journalist asked:

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RESPONSE **OFFICIAL**

Attributable to a Departmental spokesperson:

- For privacy reasons, the Department does not comment on individual cases.
- The Australian Government will continue to act decisively to protect the community from the risk of harm posed by individuals who choose to engage in criminal activity or behaviour of concern, including visa cancellation or refusal where appropriate.
- Non-citizens who do not hold valid visas (unlawful non-citizens) are liable for detention and removal from Australia as soon as reasonably practicable.
- Section 198 of the *Migration Act 1958* provides the power under which ABF removes unlawful non-citizens from Australia.

On background **OFFICIAL** (for use in reporting, not for attribution):

- All non-citizens who wish to enter or remain in Australia must satisfy the requirements of the *Migration Act 1958* and the *Migration Regulations 1994*, including identity, health, security and character requirements.
- Where unlawful non-citizens have exhausted all administrative, procedural and legal avenues and have no lawful basis for remaining in Australia, they are expected to depart or will be removed as required by law.

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CLEARANCE

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