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**From:** MEDIA  
**Sent:** Thursday, 8 August 2019 10:42 AM  
**To:** EATON, Laura (CON); MEDIA  
**Cc:** MARKWELL, Nick (CON); SA, Leitu (CON)  
**Subject:** RE: CNN Inquiry

**Security Classification:**

Thanks Laura  
Vanessa

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**From:** EATON, Laura (CON)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 8 August 2019 10:40 AM  
**To:** MEDIA  
**Cc:** MARKWELL, Nick (CON); SA, Leitu (CON)  
**Subject:** RE: CNN Inquiry

Hi Media

Nick has basically summed it up here. I would say:

"While there is no change to our travel advisory, our [United States travel advisory](#) notes that there is a higher incidence of violent crime and firearm possession than in New Zealand and active shooter incidents occur from time to time. Overall, we continue to advise exercising increased caution in the United States due to the threat of terrorism."

Thanks,

**Laura Eaton**

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**From:** MEDIA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 August 2019 12:55 p.m.  
**To:** MARKWELL, Nick (CON); MEDIA  
**Cc:** EATON, Laura (CON)  
**Subject:** RE: CNN Inquiry

Thanks Nick. Sorry, too hasty and didn't see it'd gone to CON too. All good on timing.  
Vanessa

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**From:** MARKWELL, Nick (CON)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 August 2019 12:50 PM  
**To:** MEDIA  
**Cc:** EATON, Laura (CON)  
**Subject:** RE: CNN Inquiry

Thanks Vanessa, we spied this one this morning when it arrived in the CON box. s9(2)(g)(i)

Short answer is that there is no change to our travel advice, but to note that our existing advisory notes the risk of terrorism and that there is a higher incidence of violent crime and firearm possession than in New Zealand. It also notes that active shooter incidents occur from time to time in the United States.

**Nick Markwell**

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**From:** MEDIA

**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 August 2019 12:00 p.m.

**To:** MARKWELL, Nick (CON)

**Subject:** FW: CNN Inquiry

Hi Nick, I know this isn't for you but not sure if the others are around?  
Vanessa

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**From:** MEDIA

**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 August 2019 11:53 AM

**To:** LELECQUE, Clementine (CON)

**Cc:** SA, Leitu (CON); MEDIA

**Subject:** FW: CNN Inquiry

Hi Clem

Assuming no update to our current advice for US?

Vanessa

**Vanessa Rawson**

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**From:** Thornton, Chandler s9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 August 2019 2:57 AM

**To:** CON; MEDIA

**Subject:** CNN Inquiry

Hello,

I am with CNN and I am reaching out in regards to the recent mass shootings in the US. I was just wondering if the New Zealand embassy is issuing any updated travel advisories in response to what happened? Please let me know, thank you so much.

Chandler Thornton  
CNN International Desk

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