

From: 9(2)(g)(ii)
To: Section 9(2)
Cc: William Blackler (Parliament); Travis Mills; 9(2)(g)(ii)
Subject: FW: Aide memoire regarding Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull [out of scope]
Date: Monday, 20 March 2023 6:46:04 pm
Attachments: [2223-3097 Aide Memoire regarding KEEN.docx](#)
[2223-3097 Aide Memoire regarding KEEN.pdf](#)
Importance: High

HI Minister,

Attached is the advice prepared from Immigration on Posie Parker.

An appropriate decision maker will make an assessment on whether they have reason to believe Posie Parker is, or is likely to be, a threat or risk to the public order or interest. This will be made early tomorrow morning.

Please let us know if you want any further information.

Cheers

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9(2)(g)(ii) - Private Secretary Immigration

Section 9(2)(a)

From: Section 9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 20 March 2023 6:11 PM
To: 9(2)(g)(ii)
Cc: Simon Sanders <x@xx>; Fraser Richards <x@xx>; Alison McDonald (Dep Sec Immigration) <x@xx>
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AIDE MEMOIRE

Summary of facts - Kellie-Jay KEEN-MINSHULL

Date:	20 March 2023	Priority:	High
Security classification:	Restricted	Tracking number:	2223-3097

Information for Minister

Hon Michael Woods
Minister of Immigration

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Simon Sanders	Acting Chief Operating Officer, Immigration New Zealand	Section 9(2)(a)	✓
Fraser Richards	Special Counsel, MBIE Legal	Section 9(2)(a)	

The following departments/agencies have been consulted

N/A

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seen | <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

Comments



AIDE MEMOIRE

Title

Date:	20 March 2023	Priority:	High
Security classification:	out of scope	Tracking number:	2223-3097

Purpose

This aide memoire provides you with information regarding the case of Kellie-Jay KEEN-MINSHULL.

Simon Sanders
Acting Chief Operating Officer
Immigration New Zealand, MBIE
20 March 2023

Background













1. British anti-transgender activist, Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull (hereinafter referred to as KEEN), is expected to travel to New Zealand later this week.¹
2. KEEN, also known by the pseudonym Posie Parker, has shows scheduled in Wellington and Auckland this weekend as part of her 'Let Women Speak' tour.
3. KEEN holds an NZeTA. INZ's border officers are responsible for assessing if travellers meet the immigration requirements to be granted entry permission and a visa to enter New Zealand.

Process for cases like this

4. All visa waiver individuals are subject to NZeTA checks and balances and are required to declare certain adverse information (e.g. convictions).
5. Should INZ become aware that an individual like KEEN intends to travel to New Zealand an assessment will take place prior to the expected travel if time allows.
6. This can involve:
 - a review of all publicly known information
 - engagement and advice from NZ Police
 - engagement and advice from MBIE Intelligence
 - engagement and advice from MBIE Legal.
7. Following this assessment, INZ will weigh and balance and decide whether there is reason to believe that KEEN is likely to be, or is, a threat or risk, to the public order and that the threshold to consider her to be an excluded person is met under Section 16 of the Immigration Act 2009 (attached at Annex One for reference).
8. If they are found to be subject to s16, then they are not visa waiver travellers and will be prevented from boarding any flight to New Zealand. Each case is considered based on the individual circumstances and is determined on its own merit (or lack thereof).

Freedom of expression of opinion and ideas

/out of scope

9.  Section 9(2)(h) 


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¹ her last event in Australia is 23 March and her first one in New Zealand is 25 March.

New Zealand Police view

13. On 17 March 2023, NZ Police shared their intel note with MBIE. They noted that counter-protests are expected in New Zealand with one identified in Wellington with only small numbers showing interest so far.²
14. Police's view is that it is almost certain there will be tension between attendees and protestors. However, they also consider it is unlikely these events will result in violence as counter-protest organisers are encouraging no interaction with event attendees.
15. NZ Police believe that the New Zealand based events are likely to go ahead whether KEEN travels or not. This was the case when she was unable to attend an event in New York previously. So even if KEEN is denied entry to New Zealand the 'Let Women Speak' events may still go ahead.
16. On 20 March 2023, NZ Police were asked if their views had changed following the events in Melbourne over the weekend. They advised they do not intend to produce an updated intel note as they consider the developments over the weekend fit within the landscape they anticipated in the original product.

Similar cases

17. Lauren Southern and Stefan Molyneux (Canadian nationals) hold similar arguably views to KEEN. Both were approved visas³ in 2018 and they both travelled to New Zealand.
18. Jordan Peterson is a Canadian psychologist, author and media commentator. He travelled to New Zealand visa waiver in 2019 and 2022.
19. Tyler Gregory Okonma (aka Tyler the Creator) is an American musician. Media reported he caused a riot at a concert he was performing in 2014, so there was assessment against the 'public order' requirement. While he was initially refused boarding, he was later allowed to travel. He was approved visas in 2014, 2019 and 2022. He travelled to New Zealand in 2012, 2020, and 2022.
20. David Irving is a UK national who is a holocaust denier. He was prevented from travelling to New Zealand because he was subject to s15 as he had been deported from Germany (so s16 was not utilised).

Options for INZ

21. A risk assessment has been carried out, MBIE Legal have provided advice and information from NZ Police has also been received.
22. If INZ concludes, based on the information to hand, that there is **no** reason to believe that KEEN is likely to be, or is, a threat or risk, to the public order and that the threshold to consider her to be an excluded person under s16 is not met, then KEEN will be allowed to travel to New Zealand as a visa waiver traveller.

² through Facebook.

³ Work Visa Entertainers (pre NZeTA)

23. Alternatively, if the risk assessment gives INZ reason to believe that KEEN is likely to be, or is, a threat or risk, to the public order then the threshold to consider her to be an excluded person under s16 would be met. A border alert would be placed on KEEN, and she would be prevented from boarding any flight to New Zealand. She would be advised of this decision.

If the Minister wishes to intervene

24. If INZ determines KEEN is not an excluded person and can therefore travel to New Zealand visa waiver, the Minister's office will be advised.
25. If the Minister has reason to believe that KEEN does present a threat or risk to the public order, he can decide she is an excluded person under s16 of the Act and not entitled to travel to New Zealand visa waiver and may not be granted a visa or entry permission.
26. To support his consideration, INZ could provide further publicly available information regarding KEENs background.
27. The Minister could direct officials that he has reason to believe that she does present a threat or risk to the public order. Officials would then provide documentation for the Minister's formal decision to be recorded.
28. A border alert will be placed on her, and she would be prevented from boarding any flight to New Zealand. Officials would send her notification of the Minister's decision.

Annexes

Annex One: Immigration Act 2009 – Section 16

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16 Certain other persons not eligible for visa or entry permission

1) No visa or entry permission may be granted, and no visa waiver may apply, to any person who—

(a) the Minister has reason to believe -

(i) is likely to commit an offence in New Zealand that is punishable by imprisonment; or

(ii) is, or is likely to be, a threat or risk to security; or

(iii) is, or is likely to be, a threat or risk to public order; or

(iv) is, or is likely to be, a threat or risk to the public interest; or

(b) is a member of a terrorist entity designated under the Terrorism Suppression Act 2002.

(2) This section is subject to section 17.

OUT OF SCOPE

From: [REDACTED] Section 9(2)(g)(ii)

Date: Monday, 20 Mar 2023 at 6:11 PM

To: 9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: Simon Sanders <Simon.Sanders@mbie.govt.nz>, Fraser Richards <Fraser.Richards@mbie.govt.nz>, Alison McDonald (Dep Sec Immigration) <Alison.McDonald3@mbie.govt.nz>

Subject: Aide memoire regarding Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull [RESTRICTED]

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Cc: Simon Sanders <Simon.Sanders@mbie.govt.nz>; Fraser Richards <Fraser.Richards@mbie.govt.nz>; Alison McDonald (Dep Sec Immigration) <Alison.McDonald3@mbie.govt.nz>
Subject: KEEN decision [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi [REDACTED]

Based on the information available to Immigration New Zealand, the National Manager Border has considered whether there is reason to believe that KEEN is likely to be, or is, a threat or risk, to the public order or the public interest.

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If the Minister has reason to believe KEEN is likely to be, or is, a threat or risk, to the public order or public interest he could choose to intervene in this matter. He would do so by directing officials that he considers the threshold to consider KEEN to be an excluded person under s16 is met. Officials would then provide documentation for the Minister's formal decision to be recorded.

MBIE Intelligence has no holdings on KEEN. Earlier today, we contacted NZ Police seeking permission to share their Intelligence Notification with your office. We are yet to receive an answer and will let you know once we have agreement or otherwise.

FYI – we have now received PNR data that shows a flight booked for KEEN on Friday 24 March.

Thanks,

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Cc: [Simon Sanders](#); [Fraser Richards](#); [Alison McDonald \(Dep Sec Immigration\)](#)
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Attachments: [KEEN-MINSHULL out of scope .msg](#)

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From: [Peter Elms](#)
To: [Simon Sanders](#) Section 9(2)(g)(ii) [Fraser Richards](#)
Cc: [Richard Owen](#)
Subject: KEEN-MINSHULL **out of scope**]
Date: Tuesday, 21 March 2023 2:32:21 pm

Hi all,

I have reviewed the circumstances surrounding the anticipated entry of Kellie-Jay KEEN-MINSHULL in order to determine her eligibility to enter New Zealand. In doing so I have reviewed the information assessment completed by INZ's Risk Assessment Team and the New Zealand Police Intelligence Notification. I have also considered MBIE legal opinion.

KEEN-MINSHULL is the holder of a valid United Kingdom passport. She holds a current New Zealand electronic travel authority (NZeTA). KEEN-MINSHULL is reported to be intending to travel to New Zealand as part of her 'Let Women Speak' tour. I am advised that she does not require a work visa for the purpose of her visit.

As a result of public disorder and public interest concerns raised in respect to the 'Let Women Speak' tour I have considered whether it is appropriate to withdraw KEEN-MINSHULL's travel authority in accordance with section 16 Immigration Act 2009. I have determined that KEEN-MINSHULL's purpose for travel does not meet the threshold to make her an excluded person and therefore ineligible for a visa or entry permission outlined in section 16. In making that determination I am not satisfied that there is reason to believe, based on the evidence available, that KEEN-MINSHULL is likely to commit an offence in NZ punishable by imprisonment, nor is there a likely threat or risk to security, public order or public interest.

Accordingly KEEN-MINSHULL's NZeTA remains valid, and she is therefore eligible to travel to New Zealand as a visa waiver traveller.

I shall be updating AMS to reflect this decision.

Nga mihi

Peter Elms

National Manager Border

Immigration New Zealand | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE)
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OUT OF SCOPE

From: Fraser Richards [mailto:Fraser.Richards@mbie.govt.nz]
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Subject: RE: Legal Options re Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Myself and Crown Law will join you in the office this morning for the conversation with the Minister.

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Fraser Richards SPECIAL COUNSEL (IMMIGRATION) (he/him)
Corporate & Registries Team | Legal Ethics and Privacy Branch
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Subject: RE: Legal Options re Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]

Section 9(2)(h)

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Subject: RE: Legal Options re: Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull

[LEGALLY PRIVILEGED]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I understand that the office is seeking further advice on two points –

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Kind regards

Fraser Richards **SPECIAL COUNSEL (IMMIGRATION)** (he/him)
Corporate & Registries Team | Legal Ethics and Privacy Branch
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From: Fraser Richards
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Cc: [REDACTED] Section 9(2)(g)(ii); Simon Sanders <Simon.Sanders@mbie.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Legal Options re: Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull

[LEGALLY PRIVILEGED]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Please see the earlier legal advice prepared on this case (set out below)

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Kind regards

Fraser Richards **SPECIAL COUNSEL (IMMIGRATION)** (he/him)
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Cc: Simon Sanders <Simon.Sanders@mbie.govt.nz>
Subject: Legal Options re: Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull

[LEGALLY PRIVILEGED]

As discussed below are some quick thoughts from a legal perspective on the options that are available in respect of the anti-trans speaker Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull aka Posie Parker and her proposed travel to New Zealand.

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This message may be subject to legal professional privilege.

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Subject: RE: Legal Options re Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull
Importance: High

Hi Chris

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<Elizabeth.Mitchell@parliament.govt.nz>; William Blackler (Parliament)
<William.Blackler@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: KELLIE-JAY KEEN-MINSHULL media queries [UNCLASSIFIED] GOING ASAP
Yes of course.

We'll send our response at 1.30.

Ngā mihi

Section 9(2)(g)(ii)

Manager, Engagement & Communications, Immigration New Zealand
Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment | Hīkina Whakatutuki

Email: [redacted] Section 9(2)(g)(ii) | Telephone [redacted] Section 9(2)(g)(ii)

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Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 1:13:55 PM
To: [redacted] Section 9(2)(g)(ii)
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Cc: Ceinwen Kelly (Parliament) <Ceinwen.Kelly@parliament.govt.nz>; [redacted] Section 9(2)(g)(ii)

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Sam Jaffe <xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx>; Elizabeth Mitchell <xxxxxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx>; William Blackler (Parliament) <xxxxxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx>

Subject: RE: KELLIE-JAY KEEN-MINSHULL media queries [UNCLASSIFIED] GOING ASAP
Thanks Section 9(2)(g)(ii)

Our statement will be:

“Like many New Zealanders I would prefer it if Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull never set foot in New Zealand. I find many of her views repugnant, and am concerned by the way in which she courts some of the most vile people and groups around including white supremacists. .

The decision on whether to suspend her NZeTA sits with Immigration and they have assessed that she meets the criteria set out in the Immigration Act and regulations. This assessment took into account the events in Melbourne that occurred last weekend. I have been advised that this case does not meet the threshold for Ministerial intervention.

As we look towards her events for this coming weekend, the welfare and safety of our transgender community is front of mind. Event organisers maintain the primary responsibility to ensure they run a safe and secure event and police have advised they will also be in attendance to ensure public safety.

I condemn her inflammatory, vile and incorrect worldviews, and will always stand alongside those New Zealanders who use their own right to free speech against those who wish to take society backwards.”

Could I please be bcc'd when your response goes.

Trav

Travis Mills (he/him) | Press Secretary to Hon Michael Wood

M: Section 9(2)(a) | E xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx

Parliament Buildings, Wellington, New Zealand

Authorised by Michael Wood, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

From: Section 9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2023 10:33 AM

To: Section 9(2)(g)(ii)

Cc: Ceinwen Kelly <xxxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx>; Section 9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: FW: KELLIE-JAY KEEN-MINSHULL media queries [UNCLASSIFIED] GOING ASAP



MEDIA RESPONSE: KELLIE-JAY KEEN-MINSHULL

22 MARCH 2023

The statement below can be attributed to General Manager Richard Owen

I can confirm that Immigration New Zealand (INZ) has now finished reviewing the case involving Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull.

After reviewing all publicly known information about Ms Keen-Minshull and seeking advice from other agencies we have concluded that there is no reason to believe that she is, or is likely to be, a threat or risk to the public order or public interest.

As a result we have determined that Ms Keen-Minshull does not meet the high threshold to be considered an excluded person under Section 16 of the Immigration Act 2009. We note there is nothing specified in the Immigration Act or immigration instructions which could be used to prevent a person travelling to New Zealand on a temporary basis based on their previous expression of opinion and ideas. We appreciate that some people will not agree with this assessment, but it is critical that INZ applies the law in all such cases, regardless of the views the individual holds.

The assessment means that Ms Keen-Minshull can use her visa waiver status as a British citizen and travel to New Zealand on the basis of holding a New Zealand electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA).

Section 16 Immigration Act 2009 - Certain other persons not eligible for visa or entry permission

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(2) This section is subject to [section 17](#).

Ngā mihi

Section 9(2)(g)(ii)

Manager, Engagement & Communications, Immigration New Zealand

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ITEM	NARRATIVE	TIMEFRAME	OWNER	ACTION	TALKING POINTS / KEY MESSAGES
Political activist touring New Zealand in March 2023	<p>INZ is aware that a political activist from the United Kingdom, Kellie-Jay Keen (also known as Posie Parker) intends to travel to New Zealand to host public events discussing "bad transgender laws and policy". Ms Keen has recently toured the UK and the USA and is currently in Australia on her "Let Women Speak" tour. She is hosting events in Auckland and Wellington on 25 and 26 March 2023.</p> <p>Ms Keen promotes transphobic ideology and has opposed transgendered people having access to appropriate medical care, legal rights to affirm their gender, the ability to access public spaces and to participate in sports. Her tours in other countries have resulted in protests and counter-protest actions, and police involvement; some have resulted in violence and arrests.</p> <p>Ms Keen has applied for and been issued a New Zealand electronic Travel Authority (NZETA), allowing her to travel to New Zealand and apply for entry permission. She has not declared any convictions that would prevent the grant of a visitor visa on arrival.</p> <p>The tour has been the subject of extensive media coverage, and many individuals and groups have written to INZ and to you as the Minister of Immigration.</p> <p>INZ has determined that we do not have reason to believe that Ms Keen is, or is likely to be, a threat or risk to public order or the public interest. As a result, she will be able to travel to New Zealand on the NZETA that she currently holds without obtaining a visa first.</p> <p>Date first raised with the Minister's office (orally): 17 March 2023</p>	Ongoing	BVO Richard Owen (acting)	The Minister will be kept updated.	This is an operational matter.

Tracking Number	INZ Branch	Item	Summary	Updates	Client Number	Immigration Status	Proposed Actions/Next Steps	Post meeting actions
NSFS-2023-02044	Verification and Compliance	Let Woman Speak Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The client is a far-right political activist who is currently touring Australia on her "Let Woman Speak Tour" which includes two events in NZ in Auckland and Christchurch on 25th and 26th March 2023 respectively. The theme of the tour is to "discuss bad transgender laws and policy". (https://www.binary.org.au/australian_let_women_speak_tour) The client promotes transphobic ideology, as the client opposed transgendered people having access to appropriate medical care, legal rights to affirm their gender, the rights of transgender people having access public spaces and ability to participate in sports. This opposes the NZ governments current law and policy. The client has travelled through the UK and USA with the "Let Woman Speak Tour" which has manifested as a protest, including counter protest and Police involvement. In New York during November 2022, the "Let Women Speak Tour" required a large amount of New York Police Officers to contain the situation and resulted in 9 arrests following violent outbreaks during the protest. (https://independent.org/2022/11/nypd-arrests-9-trans-rights-protestors-outside-anti-trans-event/) The client has posted videos online calling for men to carry guns and patrol women's bathrooms to protect woman against the perceived threat of transgendered women. (https://www.thepinknews.com/2021/01/30/gender-critical-feminist-posie-parker-men-guns-womens-toilets-twitter/) In the UK, USA and Australia the client is featured on News shows discussing her "Let Women Speak". The client is known to use billboards, media and social media platforms to push her agenda. 			Section 9(2)(a)		<p>Verification and Compliance to make contact with New Zealand Police with reference to any public order concerns.</p> <p>BVO to continue monitoring and respond to Ministerial correspondence/media enquiries.</p>

Media Daily Media Log - 10 March 2023

Media organisation & reporter	Nature of query (i.e COVID-employment, COVID-refugees)	Query	Response	Group affected
Stewart Sowman-Lund, The Spinoff	Individual case - no privacy waiver	<p>There's an open letter from the Rainbow Greens co-signed by a couple of MPs that is asking for an upcoming speaking tour by Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull, also known by the pseudonym Posie Parker to be cancelled. Specifically, the open letter is requesting " the denial of any visa application or revocation of any visa already granted" for Keen-Minshull. It's claimed the speaker spreads anti-trans messaging and has appeared alongside political extremists.</p> <p>Is Immigration NZ able to comment whether or not a visa has already been granted to Keen-Minshull or whether this is currently being considered?</p>	<p>Ms Keen-Minshull is the holder of a United Kingdom passport. The United Kingdom (UK) is a visa waiver country which enables the holder of a UK passport to travel to New Zealand for a temporary visit without the need to apply for a visa in advance. Instead, all visa waiver nationals who wish to visit New Zealand must apply for a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA).</p> <p>In completing an NZeTA application the applicant must declare any previous convictions or removals/exclusions from other countries. On arrival, the holder of a NZeTA applies for a visa to enter New Zealand.</p> <p>Immigration New Zealand (INZ) can confirm that Ms Keen-Minshull is the holder of a NZeTA.</p> <p>INZ's Border Officers are responsible for assessing if travellers meet the immigration conditions to be granted entry permission and a visa to enter New Zealand. This assessment includes</p>	INZ

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Jacob Jones, Newstalk ZB	Individual case - no privacy waiver	<p>Hi there my name is Jacob. I'm a reporter at Newstalk ZB. I was just wondering if I could either have an interview or statement about this call from the Greens and Rainbow Greens to not allow Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull (aka Parker Posey) into the country. I was just wondering what Immigration New Zealand's decision is, or when it will be decided. I would also be really keen to know what sort of thing goes into a character test. I tried to put this to the Immigration Minister but he referred me to you. If someone can do the interview they can call through on 09 366 0466 or the statement can be sent to me here.</p>	<p>Ms Keen-Minshull is the holder of a United Kingdom passport. The United Kingdom (UK) is a visa waiver country which enables the holder of a UK passport to travel to New Zealand for a temporary visit without the need to apply for a visa in advance. Instead, all visa waiver nationals who wish to visit New Zealand must apply for a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA).</p> <p>In completing an NZeTA application the applicant must declare any previous convictions or removals/exclusions from other countries. On arrival, the holder of a NZeTA applies for a visa to enter New Zealand.</p> <p>Immigration New Zealand (INZ) can confirm that Ms Keen-Minshull is the holder of a NZeTA.</p> <p>INZ's Border Officers are responsible for</p>	INZ

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MBIE Daily Media Log – 20 March 2023

Date query received	Date query responded to	Media organisation & reporter	Nature of query (i.e COVID-employment, COVID-refugees)	Query	Response	Group affected
20.03.23	20.03.23	Rayssa Almeida, Rachel Graham, RNZ	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	Could we please have an update from Immigration NZ on whether attracting neo-Nazis in Melbourne changes anything in regard to granting Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull a visa under "character grounds". Could you also confirm	Ms Keen-Minshull is the holder of a United Kingdom passport. The United Kingdom (UK) is a visa waiver country which enables the holder of a UK passport to travel to New Zealand for a temporary visit without the need to apply for a visa in	INZ

			<p>whether the visa assessment for Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull has been completed and what the outcome was.</p> <p>I understand one of my colleagues has been in touch to ask whether there is a review of the visa for Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull, also known as Posie Parker for her upcoming visit to New Zealand.</p> <p>I understand Immigration NZ said it would be able to come back to us today with the answer. Is that the case, and do you have a time I can expect the information?</p> <p>I'd be keen to confirm if Immigration NZ is reviewing her visa, and what sparked that review, and the outcome of the review?</p>	<p>advance. Instead, all visa waiver nationals who wish to visit New Zealand must apply for a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA). In completing an NZeTA application the applicant must declare any previous convictions or removals/exclusions from other countries. On arrival, the holder of a NZeTA applies for a visa to enter New Zealand.</p> <p>Immigration New Zealand (INZ) can confirm that Ms Keen-Minshull is the holder of a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA). INZ is now reviewing whether in the light of the events at the weekend Ms Keen-Minshull is still able to travel to New Zealand on the basis of the NZeTA that she holds without obtaining a</p>	
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20.03.23	20.03.23	Tyra Robberts, Newstalk ZB	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	Tyra here from Newstalk ZB. We're covering Posie Parker's visa being reviewed on Drive this afternoon, is Richard Owen available for a chat with Heather du Plessie-Allan at 5:10pm	Interview declined, provided media statement as above	INZ
20.03.23	20.03.23	William Terite, NewsHub	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	Controversial anti- transgender activist Kellie-Jay Keen- Minshull, also known as Posie Parker, is set to arrive in New Zealand this week. It prompted calls and an open letter from the rainbow community, asking for the Immigration Minister to ban Kellie from entering the country. I've seen in media articles that the Minister has deferred this to Immigration NZ.	Media statement as above	INZ

				<p>Is there a spokesperson available for comment on this? or can Immigration NZ confirm if it's looking into this case.</p> <p>An interview would be ideal and I'm flexible, otherwise a statement too would suffice.</p>		
20.03.23	20.03.23	Jamie Ensor, NewsHub	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	<p>I am emailing to ask whether Immigration NZ has given any consideration to blocking the entry of anti-transgender activist Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull into New Zealand. She has two speaking events planned for this weekend in Auckland and Wellington. There have been calls in New Zealand - including from the Green Party - for her to be blocked entry given her hateful speech and the potential for her to threaten public order.</p>	Media statement as above	INZ

				<p>Over the weekend, police officers in Australia were assaulted at protests sparked by her appearance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will her entry to NZ be blocked? • If so, on what grounds? 		
20.03.23	20.03.23	Katie Harris, NZME	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	<p>I am working on a story about Kellie-Jay Keen aka Posie Parker and her planned visit to New Zealand. Would someone from MBIE please be able to provide a statement regarding whether she will be able to enter New Zealand and what the purpose of her travel to New Zealand is.</p>	Media statement as above	INZ
20.03.23	20.03.23	Chris Schultz, The Spinoff	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	<p>Just wondering if I can get a quick response as to whether a Visa application for Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull, also known as Posie Parker, has been received and processed and what the outcome was.</p>	Media statement as above	INZ

				She's due in the country sometime around March 25.		
20.03.23	20.03.23	Tom Day, Mediaworks	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	I was wondering if Immigration NZ had any statement regarding the planned arrival of Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull this week?	Media statement as above	INZ
20.03.23	20.03.23	Andrew Macfarlane, Kim Baker Wilson, TVNZ	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	<p>Could we urgently get it confirmed that " Immigration NZ is now reviewing whether or not Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull is still able to travel to New Zealand on the basis of the NZeTA that she holds without obtaining a visa first"?</p> <p>Follow up: Thanks for this statement you sent Andrew Macfarlane.</p> <p>Sorry if you were already asked this and I'm doubling up, but is it something Richard Owen can say on</p>	Media statement as above	INZ

				camera at all? Or is it statement only?		
20.03.23	20.03.23	Chelsea Daniels, Newstalk ZB	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	<p>Is Immigration NZ reviewing whether or not Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull is still able to travel to New Zealand?</p> <p>The British anti-transgender activist sparked controversy at the weekend -- where clashes broke out between protesters and her supporters in Melbourne.</p> <p>Any information on her ability to travel to NZ would be great. She's due to speak at events here.</p>	Media statement as above	INZ
20.03.23	20.03.23	Catie McLeod, NCA Newswire	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	<p>I'm hoping to get a statement regarding the NZ government's review of whether Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull can travel to NZ with the NZeTA that she holds without obtaining a visa, after what happened at the</p>	Media statement as above	INZ

				<p>protest she attended in Melbourne on the weekend, as local media are reporting this morning.</p> <p>And will the NZ government ban Ms Keen-Minshull from visiting the country?</p>		
20.03.23	20.03.23	Frances Chin, Stuff	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	<p>Newshub has reported Immigration NZ general manager Richard Owner as saying the agency is now reviewing whether anti-transgender activist Kelly-Jay Keen-Minshull, also known as Posie Parker, will be allowed into the country, following the neo-Nazi-affiliated protests that took place in Melbourne over the weekend.</p> <p>Could I get a statement from Immigration confirming this please? Any update into whether Keen-Minshull will be</p>	Media statement as above	INZ

				allowed into the country would be appreciated.		
20.03.23	20.03.23	Jessica Maggio, Sky News	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	<p>Wondering if someone is available to make comment or provide a statement on the Greens letter to the Immigration Minister calling for the arrival of Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull to be banned – given the neo-Nazi rhetoric likely to follow her (after Melbourne’s rally).</p> <p>I know it’s something that has been done in the past – is this something the MBIE is currently considering?</p>	Media statement as above	INZ
20.03.23	20.03.23	Ben McKay, AAP	Individual case — Keen-Minshull	<p>Reading this piece, can I confirm please that Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull's entry to New Zealand is under review by immigration officials?</p> <p>If you've provided information (background or quotes) on Ms Keen-</p>	Media statement as above	INZ

				Minshull's visa situation to other outlets, can I please also have them?		
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MBIE Daily Media Log – 21 March 2023

Date query received	Date query responded to	Media organisation & reporter	Nature of query (i.e COVID-employment, COVID-refugees)	Query	Response	Group affected
21.03.23	21.03.23	Frances Chin, Stuff	Individual case — Follow up	Could I please get an update into the status of anti-transgender activist Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull's visa waiver? Yesterday it was suggested by Immigration it may be lifted due to her association with Nazism in Melbourne. Second follow up: Would it be possible for me to be added to the list of people who are informed when the decision on whether anti-trans activist Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull is made? I've	The response below can be attributed to General Manager Richard Owen Follow up response: We are reviewing the case as quickly as possible and expect this to be completed before the end of the week at the latest.	INZ

				been updating the article for Stuff.		
21.03.23	21.03.23	Janika ter Ellen, Discovery	Individual case — Follow up	<p>I'm touching base about any visa decisions to be made on Posey Parker today.</p> <p>I'm just looking to get a direct line of communication up with you, in case it's going to happen late in the day.</p>	Media statement as above	INZ
21.03.23	21.03.23	Ben McKay, AAP	Individual case — Follow up	Any update today on the review?	Media statement as above	INZ
21.03.23	21.03.23	Jessica Maggio, Sky News	Individual case — Follow up	Inquiring as to whether there has been an update on the arrival of Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull?	Media statement as above	INZ
21.03.23	21.03.23	Jason Walls, Newstalk ZB	Individual case — Follow up	Just following up to see if Immigration NZ has reached a decision over what's happening with Posie Parker's visa?	Media statement as above	INZ
21.03.23	21.03.23	Rachel Graham, RNZ	Individual case — Second follow up	<p>just checking in on whether there is any update on the decision on Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull.</p> <p>I know you said it</p>	We will be in touch if there are any further updates. Nothing at this stage.	INZ

				might be closer to the end of the week, but just checking it hasn't come through earlier.		
21.03.23	21.03.23	Michael Neilson, NZHerald	Individual case — Follow up	<p>I understand Immigration NZ is currently considering issues around a visit to NZ of British national Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull, also known as Posie Parker, this Thursday.</p> <p>Can I please be added to any media list regarding any decisions and/or updates that are made regarding her visit?</p>	We will be in touch if there are any further updates. Nothing at this stage.	INZ
20.03.23 after log closed	20.03.23	Rachel Graham, RNZ	Individual case — Follow up	Can you tell me if the review is likely to be completed today, and if you will be able to update me on the decision today. Ideally before 3pm today?	<p>The response below can be attributed to General Manager Richard Owen Follow up response:</p> <p>We are reviewing the case as quickly as possible and expect this to be completed before the end of the week at the latest.</p>	INZ

20.03.23 after log closed	20.03.23	Tom Day, Mediaworks	Individual case — Follow up	If there is a follow up to this can you please send it to me too!!	Media statement as above	INZ
20.03.23 after log closed	20.03.23	Kim Baker Wilson, TVNZ	Individual case — Follow up	I understand you have no update at this stage but there must be a timeframe given it'd want a decision before this person flies to the country.	Media statement as above	INZ