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Hi Tom,

Yep, claims are processed as normal and recent events considered. Claimants would have the opportunity to make further submissions on well-founded fear if required e.g. if they had asserted a fear of Assad regime.

Ngā mihi nui,

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Kia ora Qemajl and s9(2)(g)(ii)

COO are responding to a media query around any changes to the approach towards Syrian nationals, following the latest events in Syria. A response is being worked up to go out **tomorrow**.

The query was sent to MFAT, with (highlighted) immigration questions referred by MFAT to us as a heads up:

Has the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) reviewed or is in the process of reviewing travel advice, quotas or policy relating to Syria, in light of the fall of President Bashar al-Assad?

- 1. A) If so, what has been reviewed or is currently under review?

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s9(2)(g)(ii) – I assume nothing changes in the claim space, other than that the assessment for Syrian claimants would take into account current in-country information?

Ngā mihi

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