



BRIEFING

Proposed next three-year refugee quota; costs and other impacts of options

Date:	18 April 2016	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2601 15-16

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Michael Woodhouse Minister of Immigration	Agree to the recommendations	22 April 2016
Hon Craig Foss Associate Minister of Immigration	Copy attached for your information	N/A

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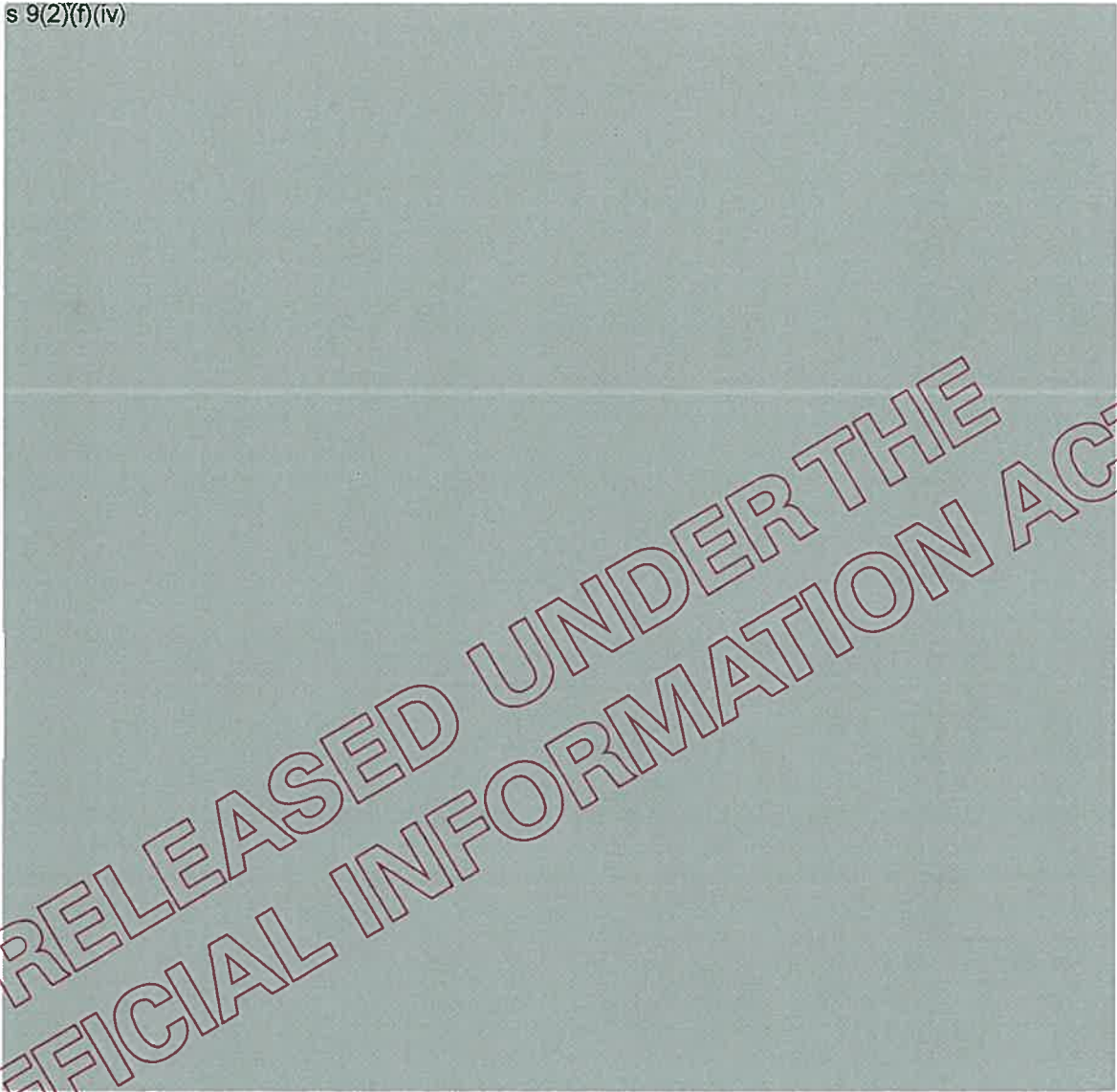
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Minister's office to complete:

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Comments:

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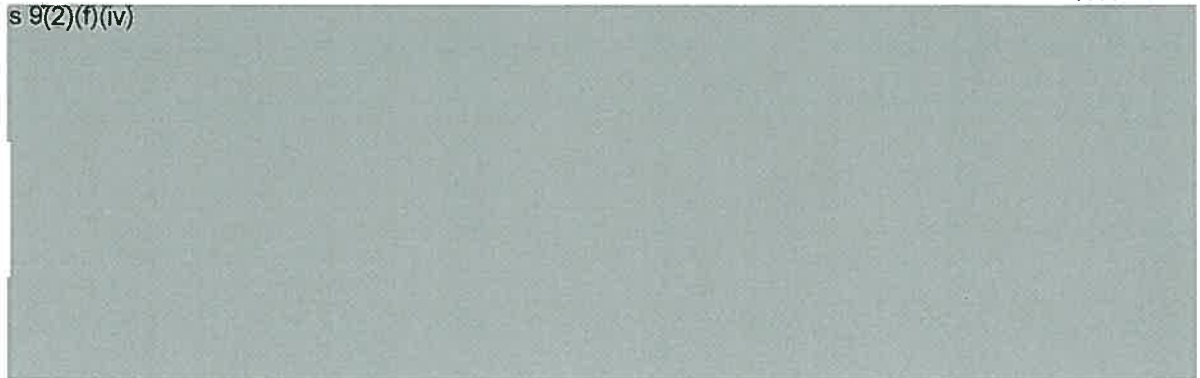
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The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment recommends that you:

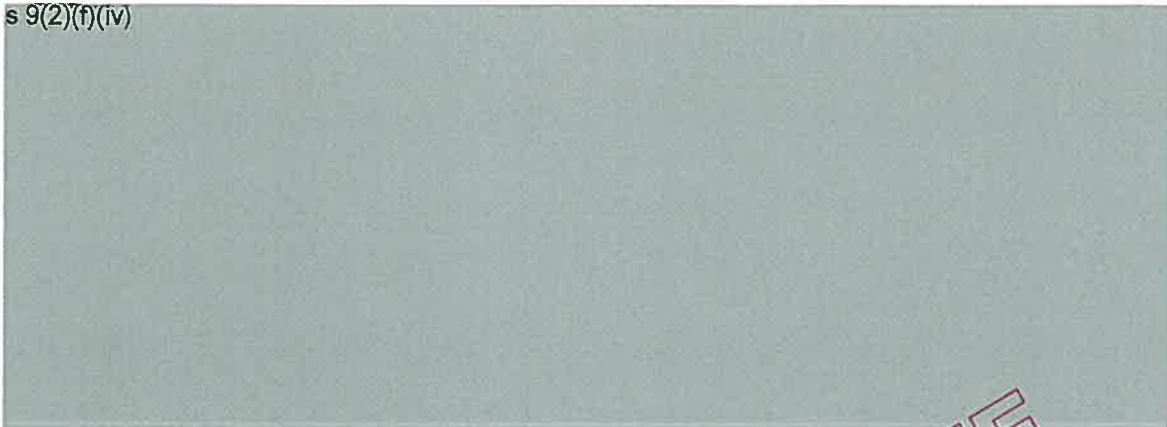
- a **Note** that that in September 2015, Cabinet agreed that New Zealand would resettle 250 Syrian refugees in each of the years 2016/17 and 2017/18 in addition to the refugee quota [CAB-15-MIN-0057]

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1. The refugee quota, comprising UNHCR-referred priority protection cases, is one stream within a broader annual refugee and humanitarian programme which includes an additional 250 places in response to the Syrian crisis in each of 2016/17 and 2017/18, between 125 and 175 Convention refugees (successful asylum claimants) and 300 family members of refugees sponsored for residence under the Refugee Family Support Category (who may not be mandated refugees). This paper does not propose changes to Convention refugees, who are decided on a case by case basis, or to the Refugee Family Support Category.
2. In 2010, the Cabinet Committee on Domestic and Security Co-ordination (DES) agreed to the introduction of a rolling three-year Refugee Quota Programme, with the composition agreed annually by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Immigration [DES Min (10) 2/3]. Cabinet decisions on the refugee quota for the next three years (2016/17 - 2018/19) are required before 30 June 2016 so that selection planning and intakes for 2016/17 can be undertaken. The decisions required include the size and composition of the refugee quota and associated funding implications.

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ANNEX THREE: PROGRESS OF THE NEW ZEALAND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT STRATEGY

1. The Strategy, approved by Cabinet in 2012, provides a whole-of-government approach to delivering improved refugee resettlement outcomes so that refugees more quickly achieve self-sufficiency, social integration and independence. The Strategy is being implemented progressively and covers quota refugees who arrived in New Zealand after 1 July 2013.
2. Since implementation of the Strategy began in July 2013, the following changes have been made to improve refugee settlement outcomes.
 - Changes to the mix of services provided to refugees to place a greater emphasis on employment and living in New Zealand. These include:
 - improved off-shore orientation to help prepare them for life and work in New Zealand
 - a revamped six-week reception programme at the Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre (MRRC) to place a greater emphasis on supporting refugees to achieve employment, social integration and independence
 - the development of settlement plans for each refugee family, and
 - support in the community for the initial 12 month settlement phase strengthened to link refugees through the settlement plans to mainstream services.
 - A Ministry of Social Development contract with the New Zealand Red Cross for the "Pathways to Employment" programme is focused on connecting refugees to employment opportunities in the community.
 - The Ministry of Education and the Tertiary Education Commission have mapped the English language needs for refugees with a view to providing easier access to English language classes at the level required.
 - A refugee driver training programme has been implemented in Hamilton, Palmerston North and Nelson. In 2015/16 these programmes are expected to provide 60 refugees with the opportunity to obtain their restricted drivers licence.
 - A review of interpreter services and how they are used to support refugees' access to mainstream services is expected to report with findings and recommendations by July 2016.

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