



CABINET PAPER

MINISTER	PORTFOLIO	DEADLINE
Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman	Minister of Immigration	10am Thursday, 12 August
Hon Murray McCully	Minister of Foreign Affairs	
Action sought	For your signature	
Title	THE REFUGEE QUOTA 2010/11 TO 2012/13: MANAGING PRESSURES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION	
Date	10 August 2010	
Security	Restricted	
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Tracker number	10793383	

Minister's comments

Minister's feedback	Very Poor	Poor	Neutral	Good	Very Good
Quality of advice	1	2	3	4	5
Writing style	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of analysis	1	2	3	4	5
Completeness of information	1	2	3	4	5

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**THE REFUGEE QUOTA 2010/11 TO 2012/13: MANAGING
PRESSURES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION**

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Appendix One: Proposed Refugee Quota Composition

Table One: Proposed High-Level Quota Plan Over Three Years

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* Only family reunion / family-linked cases from the Middle East and Africa would be considered

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Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Briefing: Refugee Quota Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16

Date Sent:	1 February 2013	Tracker No:	13/00225
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Action Sought

	Action Sought	Deadline for Action
Minister of Immigration (Hon Michael Woodhouse)	Agree to the recommended actions	At your earliest convenience
Minister of Foreign Affairs (Hon Murray McCully)	Agree to the recommended actions	At your earliest convenience
Associate Minister of Immigration (Hon Nikki Kay)	For information	

Agencies Consulted (include contact where relevant)

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Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

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Lucy Duncan	Group Manager, Strategy and Governance, MFAT	04 439 8010	9(2)(a)

Minister's Office Actions (if required)

Return to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment for action
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Enclosure: No

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- i) **note** that, due to the difficulties in finding sufficient cases, the family-linked criterion for Africa and Middle East refugees agreed by Cabinet in 2010 will result in the 2010/11 to 2012/13 Refugee Quota Programme regional allocations being 69 percent from the Asia-Pacific region and 31 percent from the rest of the world

Noted

- j) **agree** that Cabinet be asked to agree to the following options to achieve a balanced regional allocation of 50 percent of refugees resettled from the Asia-Pacific region and 50 percent resettled from the rest of the world:
 - i) remove the family-linked criterion for refugees resettled from the African and Middle East regions, and

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Agree/discuss

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Manager
Immigration Policy
**Ministry of Business, Innovation and
Employment**

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Hon Michael Woodhouse
Minister of Immigration

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Hon Murray McCully
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Maintaining a regional balance

16. In 2010, Cabinet agreed that the Refugee Quota Programme be partially re-focused so that approximately 50 percent of places would be allocated to refugees from the Asia-Pacific region and approximately 50 percent allocated to refugees from the rest of the world (Africa, Middle East and the Americas) [CAB Min (10) 30/8 and DES

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Min (10) 2/3]. Cabinet also agreed to establish a family-linked criterion¹ for refugees from Africa and the Middle East. However, UNHCR has experienced difficulties in identifying sufficient family-linked cases from Africa and, with the situation in the Middle East region, there have been difficulties in accessing family-linked cases in that region.

17. The impact of the Africa and Middle East family-linked criterion on the 2010/11 to 2012/13 Refugee Quota Programme has been a regional allocation of 69 percent of refugees from the Asia-Pacific region and 31 percent from the rest of the world, as Table Three below shows.

Table Three: Comparison of 2010 Cabinet-agreed allocations by region and expected actual allocations of refugees for 2010/11 to 2012/13

2010 Cabinet-agreed allocations by region		Expected actual allocations by region for 2010/11 to 2012/13	
Asia Pacific	52%	Asia Pacific	69%
Africa*	13%	Africa	4%
Middle East*	17%	Middle East*	10%
Americas	18%	Americas	17%
Total rest of world	48%	Total rest of world	31%

* Family-linked cases only.

Removing the Africa and Middle East region family-linked criterion

18. To achieve the regional allocation agreed by Cabinet, it is proposed that the family-linked criterion be removed for refugees resettled from Africa and the Middle East regions. The overall number of available places for family-linked cases would not be impacted by the removal of the Africa and Middle East family-linked criterion because up to 300 places within the *General Protection Category* may be used for family-linked cases.
19. Removing the family-linked criterion for Africa and the Middle East would provide more flexibility to respond to the priority protection and resettlement needs of refugees assessed by the UNHCR in their submission to New Zealand's 2012/13 to 2015/16 Refugee Quota Programme. As shown in Table Four below, the Africa region has the greatest number of refugees requiring priority resettlement.

Table Four: UNHCR assessment of resettlement needs by region as at December 2012

Refugee numbers and percentage	Africa	Middle East and North Africa	Americas	Asia Pacific
Requiring priority resettlement in 2013	76,435 (47%)	23,325 (14%)	12,286 (8%)	49,891 (31%)
Total requiring resettlement	354,798 (43%)	48,924 (6%)	32,020 (4%)	388,339 (47%)

¹ Under the family-linked/family reunion criteria only family reunion cases involving immediate family members and family-linked cases involving UNHCR priority protection cases with relatives in New Zealand were accepted from Africa and the Middle East.

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Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Briefing: Draft Cabinet paper: *Refugee Quota Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 and arrangement with Australia to resettle refugees*

Date Sent:	30 April 2013	Tracker No:	13/01729
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Action Sought

	Action Sought	Deadline for Action
Minister of Immigration (Hon Michael Woodhouse)	Agree to provide feedback on the attached Cabinet paper	13 May 2013
Minister of Foreign Affairs (Hon Murray McCully)	Agree to provide feedback on the attached Cabinet paper	13 May 2013
Associate Minister of Immigration (Hon Nikki Kaye)	For information	

Agencies Consulted (include contact where relevant)

The Ministries of Education, Health, Justice and Social Development, the Office of Ethnic Affairs and the Treasury have been consulted. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has been informed.

Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

Name	Position	Telephone	1st Contact
Floss Caughey	Senior Advisor, Immigration Policy, MBIE	04 915 4114 (wk)	N/A
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Minister's Office Actions (if required)

Return to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment for action

Enclosure: Yes – draft Cabinet paper

Minister's Comments



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*Draft Cabinet Paper: Refugee Quota Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16
and arrangement with Australia to resettle refugees*

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Hon Michael Woodhouse
Minister of Immigration

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Felicity Buchanan, Divisional Manager
International Security and Disarmament
Division

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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Hon Murray McCully
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Purpose

1. This paper seeks your feedback on the attached draft Cabinet paper *Refugee Quota Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 and arrangement with Australia to resettle refugees.*

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- for the Africa and Middle East regions, priority be given to resettling family-linked refugees, but if sufficient refugees that meet this criterion have not been identified, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Immigration may approve the remaining places being filled with non-family linked UNHCR-referred priority refugees from the Africa and Middle East regions

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Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Cabinet Paper: Refugee Quota Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 and arrangement with Australia to resettle refugees

Date Sent:	29 May 2013	Tracker No:	13/01727
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Action Sought

	Action Sought	Deadline for Action
Minister of Immigration (Hon Michael Woodhouse)	Agree to sign the attached Cabinet paper and CAB 100 form	27 May 2013
Minister of Foreign Affairs (Hon Murray McCully)	Agree to sign the attached Cabinet paper	29 May 2013
Associate Minister of Immigration Hon Nikki Kaye	For information	N/A

Agencies Consulted (include contact where relevant)

The Ministries of Education, Health, Justice and Social Development, the Office of Ethnic Affairs and the Treasury have been consulted. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has been informed.

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5. In 2010, Cabinet agreed that the Refugee Quota Programme be partially re-focused so that approximately 50 per cent of places would be allocated to refugees from the Asia-Pacific and approximately 50 per cent allocated to refugees from the rest of the world. The rest of the world is made up of the Africa, Middle East and Americas regions¹. Cabinet also agreed to establish a family-linked criterion for refugees from Africa and the Middle East regions. Due to difficulties in identifying or being able to access sufficient cases, the family-linked criterion for refugees from Africa and the Middle East regions is expected to result in the 2010/11 to 2011/13 Refugee Quota Programme allocations from those regions being only 4 per cent from Africa and 10 per cent from

¹ 'Region' refers to the place from which the refugees are referred for resettlement, not the nationality or country of origin of the refugees.

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7. In order that the desired regional balance is achieved and to respond to global priorities for refugee protection and resettlement, it is proposed that:
- for the Africa and Middle East regions, priority be given to resettling family-linked refugees, but if sufficient refugees that meet this criterion have not been identified, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Immigration may approve the remaining places being filled with non-family linked UNHCR-referred priority refugees from the Africa and Middle East regions, and

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Respond to global priorities while maintaining focus on the Asia-Pacific region

- 24. In 2010, Cabinet agreed that the Refugee Quota Programme be partially re-focused so that approximately 50 per cent of places would be allocated to refugees from the Asia-Pacific region and approximately 50 per cent allocated to refugees from the rest of the world [CAB Min (10) 30/8 and DES Min (10) 2/3]. The rest of the world is made up of the Africa, Middle East and the Americas regions.
- 25. Cabinet also agreed to establish a family-linked criterion for refugees from Africa and the Middle East regions. This meant refugees from Africa and the Middle East regions were accepted only if they have immediate family members in New Zealand, or, in the case of UNHCR priority protection cases, relatives in New Zealand. However, UNHCR has experienced difficulties in identifying or accessing sufficient family-linked cases from Africa and the Middle East region.

Impact of Africa and Middle East family-linked criterion

- 26. The impact of the Africa and Middle East family-linked criterion on the three-year 2010/11 to 2012/13 Refugee Quota Programme has been a regional allocation of 69 per cent of refugees from the Asia-Pacific region and 31 per cent from the rest of the world, as Table Two below shows.

Table Two: Comparison of 2010 Cabinet-agreed allocations by region and expected actual allocations of refugees for 2010/11 to 2012/13*

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Africa**	13%	Africa**	4%
Middle East**	17%	Middle East**	10%
Americas	18%	Americas	17%
Total rest of world	48%	Total rest of world	31%

* Region refers to the domicile of the refugees when accepted for resettlement; not their country of origin or nationality.
 ** Family-linked cases only.

- 27. If the family-linked criterion for the Africa and Middle East regions were applied in a less restrictive way, New Zealand's Refugee Quota Programme could respond with more flexibility to the priority protection and resettlement needs of refugees. As shown in Table Three below, the Africa region has the greatest number of refugees requiring priority resettlement, as assessed by UNHCR in their submission to New Zealand's 2012/13 to 2015/16 Refugee Quota Programme.

Table Three: UNHCR assessment of resettlement needs by region as at December 2012

Refugee numbers and percentage	Africa	Middle East and North Africa	Americas	Asia-Pacific
Requiring priority resettlement in 2013	76,435 (47%)	23,325 (14%)	12,286 (8%)	49,891 (31%)
Total requiring resettlement	354,798 (43%)	48,924 (6%)	32,020 (4%)	388,339 (47%)

For Africa and Middle East regions, prioritise family-linked refugees but fill remaining places

28. It is proposed that, for the Africa and Middle East regions, priority be given to resettling family-linked refugees, but if sufficient refugees that meet this criterion have not been identified, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Immigration may approve the remaining places being filled with non-family linked UNHCR-referred priority refugees from the Africa and Middle East regions⁶. The advantages of this approach, over the current very restrictive approach, is that New Zealand's Refugee Quota Programme could:

- maintain the balance of approximately 50 per cent of UNHCR-referred refugees resettled from the Asia-Pacific region and 50 per cent resettled from the rest of the world, that was agreed by Cabinet in 2010, and
- respond to global priorities for refugee protection and resettlement.

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9. **note** that, due to the difficulties in identifying or accessing sufficient cases, the family-linked criterion for Africa and Middle East refugees will result in the 2010/11 to 2012/13 Refugee Quota Programme regional allocations being approximately 69 per cent from the Asia-Pacific region and approximately 31 per cent from the rest of the world;

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12. **agree** that for the Africa and Middle East regions, priority be given to resettling family-linked refugees, but if sufficient refugees that meet that criterion have not been identified, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Immigration may approve the remaining places being filled with non-family linked UNHCR-referred refugees from the Africa and Middle East regions;

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Minister of Immigration

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Hon Murray McCully
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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External Relations and Defence Committee consideration of: *Refugee Quota Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 and arrangement with Australia to resettle refugees*

Date Sent:	11 June 2013	Tracker No:	13/03189
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Action Sought

	Action Sought	Deadline for Action
Minister of Immigration (Hon Michael Woodhouse)	Note the attached information	9am 12 June 2013
Associate Minister of Immigration (Hon Nikki Kaye)	For your information	N/A

Agencies Consulted (include contact where relevant)

N/A

Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

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Minister's Office Actions (if required)

Bring to Minister's attention for External Relations Defence Committee meeting, 9am, 12 June 2013.

Enclosure: No

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- for the Africa and Middle East regions, priority be given to resettling family-linked refugees, but if sufficient refugees that meet this criterion have not been identified, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Immigration may approve the remaining places being filled with non-family linked UNHCR-referred priority refugees from the Africa and Middle East regions

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7. The regional balance agreed by Cabinet in 2010 has been retained. At the same time, the family-linked criterion for the Africa and Middle East regions will be applied in a less restrictive way so that the actual allocations would more closely match those recommended. For example, refugees from the Africa region, which has the most refugees requiring priority resettlement, would increase from 4 percent of those resettled from 2010/11 to 2012/13 to 11 percent of the Refugee Quota over the next three years.

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- the more flexible approach taken to the family-linked criterion for refugees from the Africa and Middle East regions

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Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Cabinet Paper:
Talking points for Cabinet's consideration of the paper: *Refugee Quota Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 and arrangement with Australia to resettle refugees*

Date Sent:	14 June 2013	Tracker No:	13/03315
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Action Sought

	Action Sought	Deadline for Action
Minister of Immigration (Hon Michael Woodhouse)	Note the talking points and option to put forward, if you agree	17 June 2013
Associate Minister of Immigration (Hon Nikki Kaye)	For information	N/A

Agencies Consulted (include contact where relevant)

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Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

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The family-linked criterion need not be explicit

- The current recommendation 12 allows the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Immigration the flexibility to accept non-family linked refugees from Africa and the Middle East if sufficient family-linked cases have not been identified.

9(2)(g)(i)

6(a)
6(b)(ii)

- From 2010/11 to 2012/13, when that criterion applied, only four percent of the Refugee Quota was from the Africa region. During that period, ten percent of the Refugee Quota was from the Middle East regions.

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BRIEFING

Next three-year Refugee Resettlement Programme - options

Date:	30 November 2015	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	1132 15-16

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Michael Woodhouse Minister of Immigration	Provide feedback on the attached paper	14 December 2015
Hon Craig Foss Associate Minister of Immigration	Copy attached for your information	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)				
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Floss Caughey	Senior Advisor, Immigration Policy	04 901 8583		

The following departments/agencies have been consulted					
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Next three-year Refugee Resettlement Programme - options

Date:	30 November 2015	Priority:	Medium
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- (iii) the family-link criteria for refugees resettled from Africa and Middle East regions be removed, and

Agree/disagree

- f. **Agree** to discuss the proposals in this paper with officials.

Agree/disagree

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Manager, Immigration Policy
Labour, Science and Enterprise
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

Hon Michael Woodhouse
Minister of Immigration

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are selected from the Middle East and Africa regions.

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Family-linked cases only

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The family-link requirement is proving overly restrictive

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We recommend that the

family-link criteria be removed. Family-linked refugees from the Middle East and African regions could still be resettled within the general protection category in the same way that family-linked refugees from other regions are.

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BRIEFING

UNHCR's submission on the 2016/17 to 2018/19 Refugee Quota planning cycle

Date:	7 March 2016	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2393 15-16

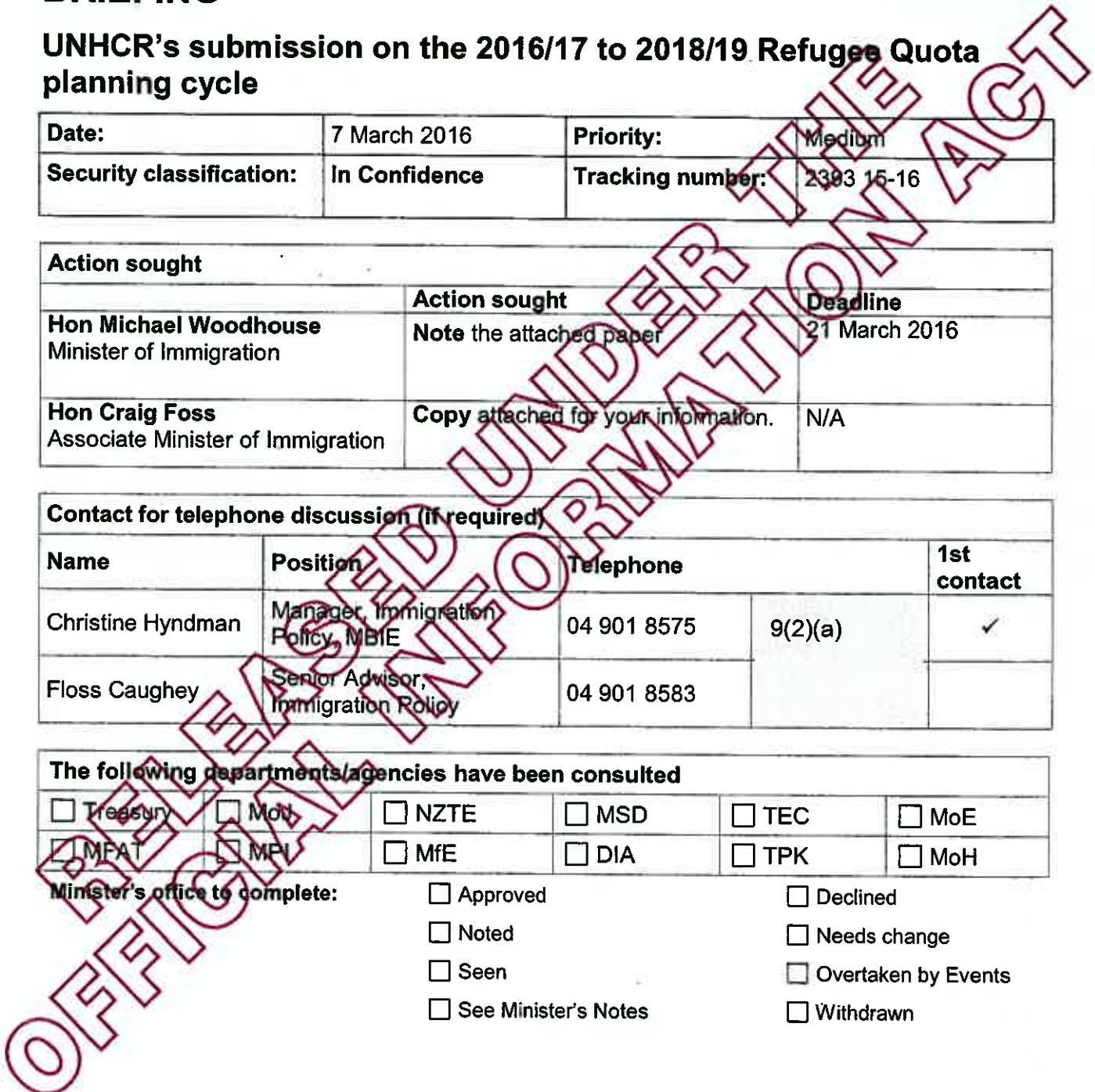
Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Michael Woodhouse Minister of Immigration	Note the attached paper	21 March 2016
Hon Craig Foss Associate Minister of Immigration	Copy attached for your information.	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)				
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Christine Hyndman	Manager, Immigration Policy, MBIE	04 901 8575	9(2)(a)	✓
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The following departments/agencies have been consulted					
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(b)(ii)

- the removal of the family-link criterion for refugees resettled from Africa and the Middle East region (Ministry advice only and not discussed with you)

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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

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)				
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Floss Caughey	Senior Advisor, Immigration Policy, MBIE	04 901 8583		

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Comments:



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

Date:	18 April 2016	Priority:	Medium
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the possible removal of the family-link requirement

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vi. agreement to remove the requirement that refugees resettled from the African and Middle East regions be restricted to those with a pre-existing family-link (that is, refugee family members already in New Zealand)

Agree/disagree/discuss

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We recommend that the family-link requirement is removed

18. In 2010, Cabinet agreed to establish a requirement that refugees resettled from the African and the Middle East regions would only be selected for resettlement in New Zealand if they had a pre-existing family link (that is, refugee family members already in New Zealand). This requirement was again confirmed in 2013 [CAB min (10) 30/8, DES Min (10) 2/3, CAB Min (13) 20/15].

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19. We recommend that the family-link requirement be removed.

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Date:	19 May 2016	Priority:	High
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Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Michael Woodhouse Minister of Immigration	Agree to send a copy to the Minister of Finance	19 May 2016
	Advise any changes required	23 May 2016
Hon Craig Foss Associate Minister of Immigration	Copy attached for your information	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
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Floss Caughey	Senior Advisor, Immigration Policy, MBIE	04 901 8583	

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Purpose

The purpose of this briefing is to:

- provide a draft Cabinet paper: *The next three-year (2016/17 – 2018/19) refugee quota programme* for you to share with the Minister of Finance, and
- seek your feedback on any changes required to the attached draft paper.

Recommended action

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

- a. **Note** that the attached draft Cabinet paper needs to be jointly agreed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs who is receiving a copy from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Noted

- b. **Note** that to be considered by the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee on 1 June 2016, this paper needs to be lodged by 10am, Thursday, 26 May 2016

Noted

- c. **Agree** to send a copy of the attached draft Cabinet paper to the Minister of Finance so that he receives it one week before lodgement (as is required for papers where there are between-Budget financial implications)

Agree/disagree/discuss

d. **Agree** to advise any changes required to the attached draft paper by Monday 23 May 2016.

Agree/disagree/discuss

Christine Hyndman
Manager, Immigration Policy
Labour, Science and Enterprise, MBIE

Hon Michael Woodhouse
Minister of Immigration

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It notes, however, that the Cabinet requirement that refugees resettled from the Middle East and Africa regions will only be considered for resettlement if they have a pre-existing family link in New Zealand³

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³ The family link requirement means only those with immediate family members in New Zealand, or in the case of UNHCR priority cases, relatives in New Zealand, will be considered for resettlement.

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24. In 2010, Cabinet established a requirement that refugees resettled from the Middle East and African regions would only be considered for resettlement in New Zealand if they have a pre-existing family link (that is, refugee family members already in New Zealand). This requirement was reconfirmed in 2013.

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Other proposals relating to the refugee quota

15. **Note** that no change is proposed to the regional allocations

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Hon Craig Foss Assoc. Minister of Immigration

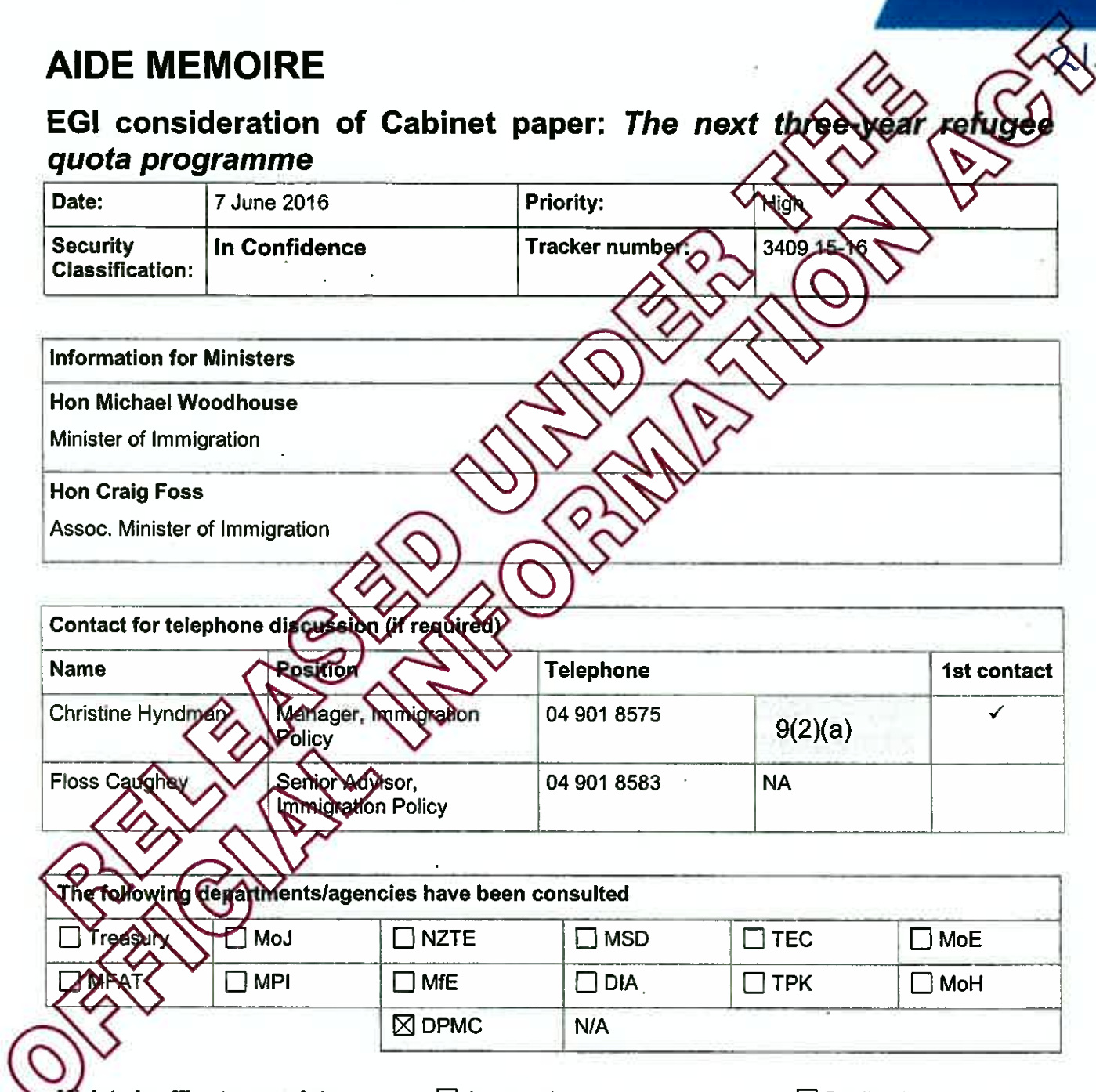
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Why does the actual percentage resettled not match the Cabinet-agreed regional allocations?

16. In 2010, Cabinet established a family-link requirement so that refugees would be only considered for resettlement from the Middle East and African regions if they have family members already in New Zealand.

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