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# **CABINET PAPER**

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Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman Hon Murray McCully	Minister of Immigration Minister of Foreign Affairs	DEADLINE 10am Thursday, 12
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Title	THE REFUGEE QUOTA 2010/11 TO 2012/13: MAN	AGING PRESSURES IN THE
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# **Appendix One: Proposed Refugee Quota Composition**

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

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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

#### **Action Sought**

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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	Adyour earliest convenience
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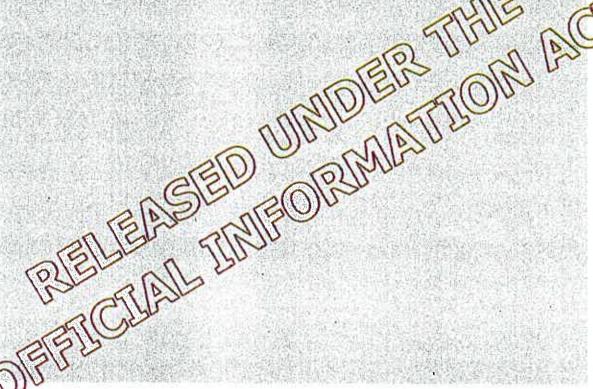


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note that, due to the difficulties in finding sufficient cases, the family-linked criterion for Africa and Middle East refugees agreed by Cabinet in 2010 will result in the 2010/11 to 2012/13 Refugee Quota Programme regional allocations being 69 percent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

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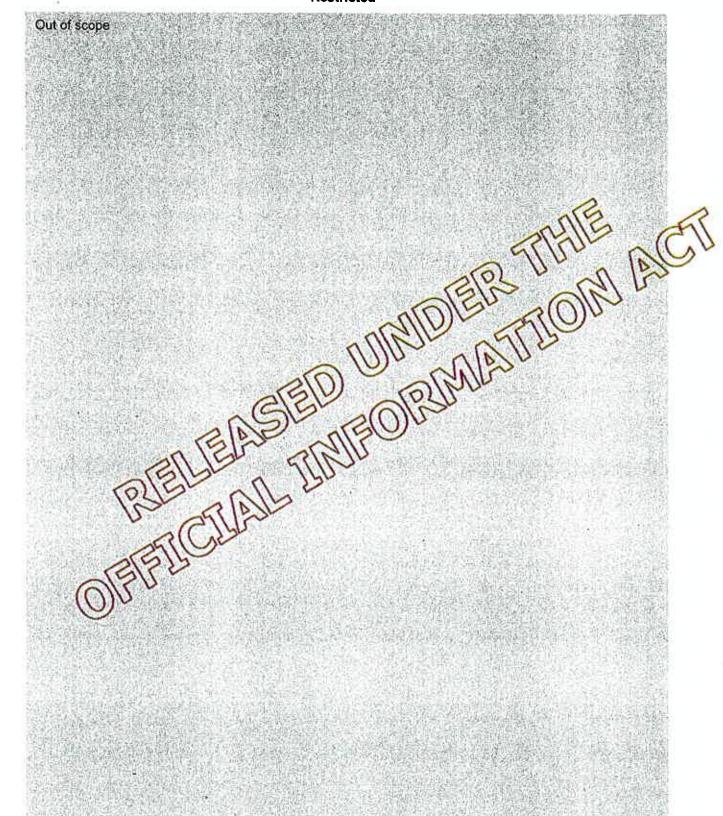
- **agree** that Cabinet be asked to agree to the following options to achieve a balanced regional allocation of 50 percent of refugees resettled from the Asia-Pacific region and 50 percent resettled from the rest of the world:
  - i) remove the family-linked criterion for refugees resettled from the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

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## 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

Min (10) 2/3]. Cabinet also agreed to establish a family-linked criterion 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

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Total rest of world	(395)	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 refegees 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%)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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

#### **Action Sought**

	Action Sought Deadline or Action
Minister of Immigration (Hon Michael Woodhouse)	Agree to provide feedback on the attached Cabinet paper
Minister of Foreign Affairs (Hon Murray McCuily)	Agree to provide feedback on the 13 May 20 3 attached Cabinet paper
Associate Minister of Immigration (Hon Nikki Kaye)	For information ( )

Agencies Consulted (include contact where relevant)

The Ministries of Education, Neutlin, 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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Yes - draft Cabinet paper

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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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Minister of Foreign Affairs (Hon Murray McCully)	Agree to sign the anactico Cabinet paper	29 Mey 2013
Associate Minister of Immigration Hon Nikki Kaye	For information	N/A

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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 regions<sup>1</sup>. 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> '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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#### Respond to global priorities while maintaining focus on the Asia-Pacific region

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- 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 ramily-linked cases from Africa and the Middle East region.

#### Impact of Africa and Middle East family-lipked criterion

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\* \*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.

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# 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 regions<sup>6</sup>. 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 dentified, 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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7. The regional balance agreed by Cabinet in 2010 has been retained. At the same time, the family-linked criterian 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 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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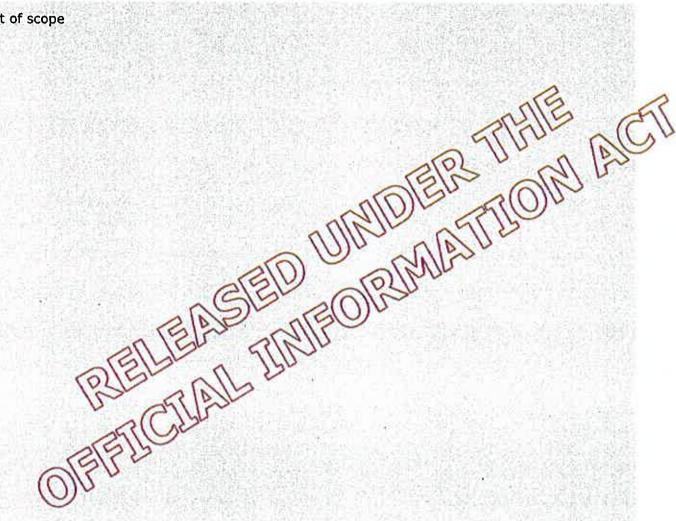
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### The family-linked criterion need not be explicit

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 Out of scope if sufficient family-linked cases have not been identified.

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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.





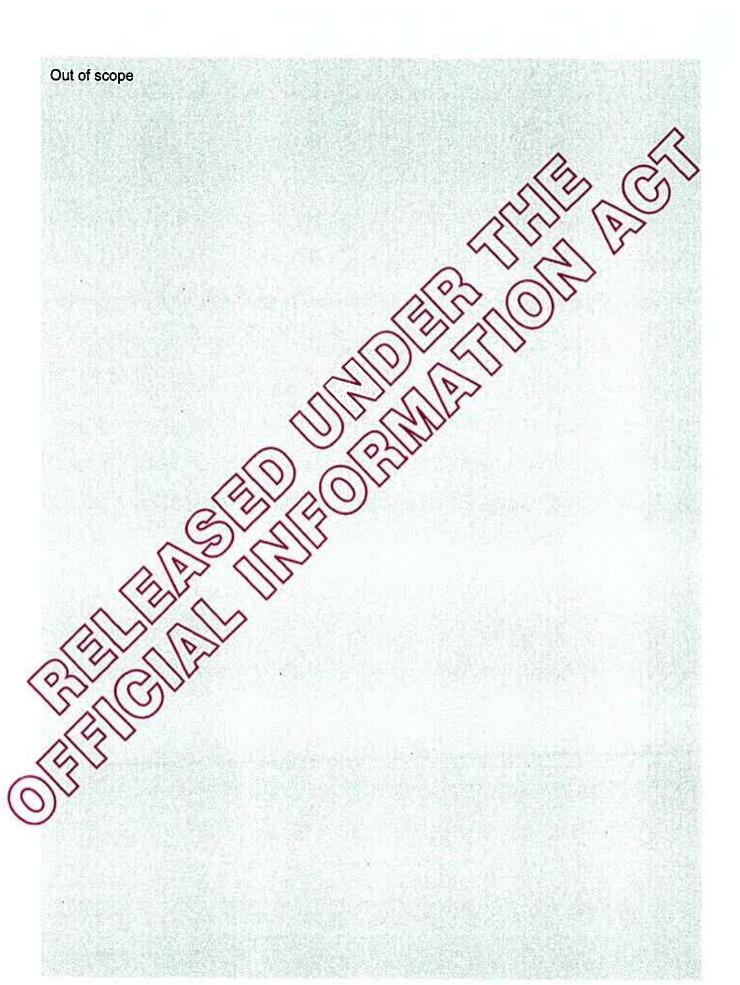
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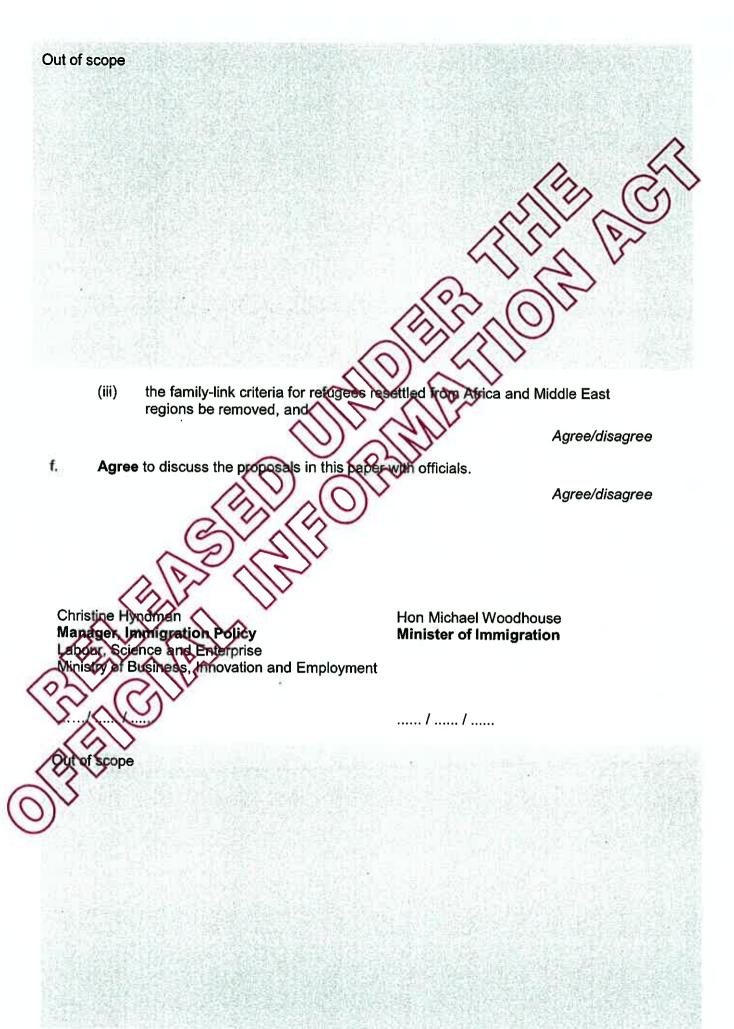


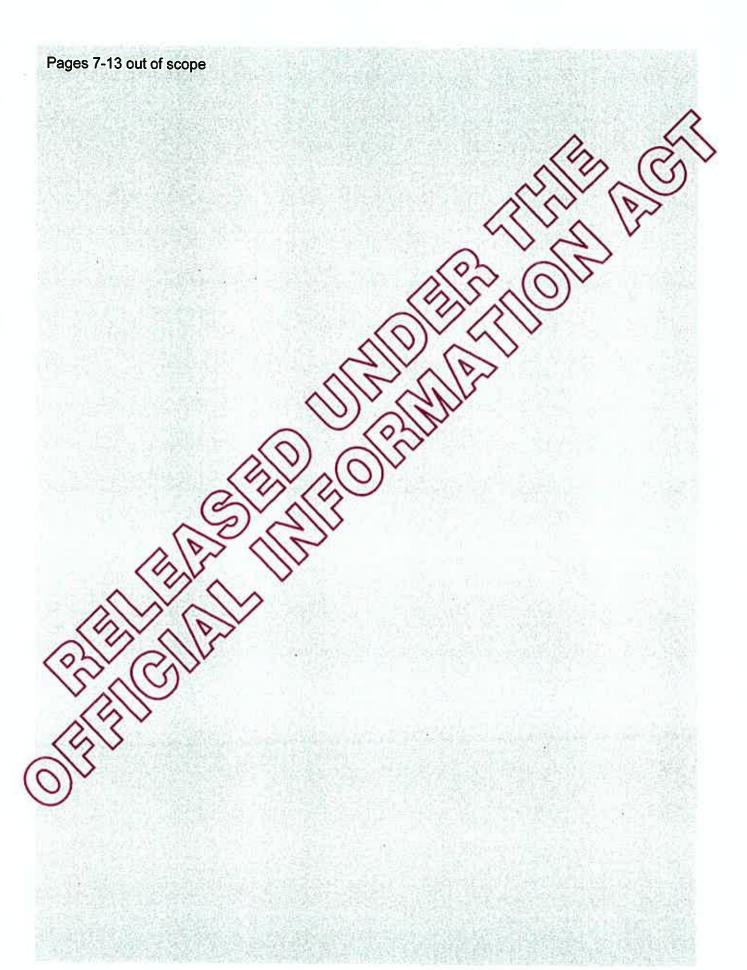
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Next three-year Refugee Resettlement Programme options

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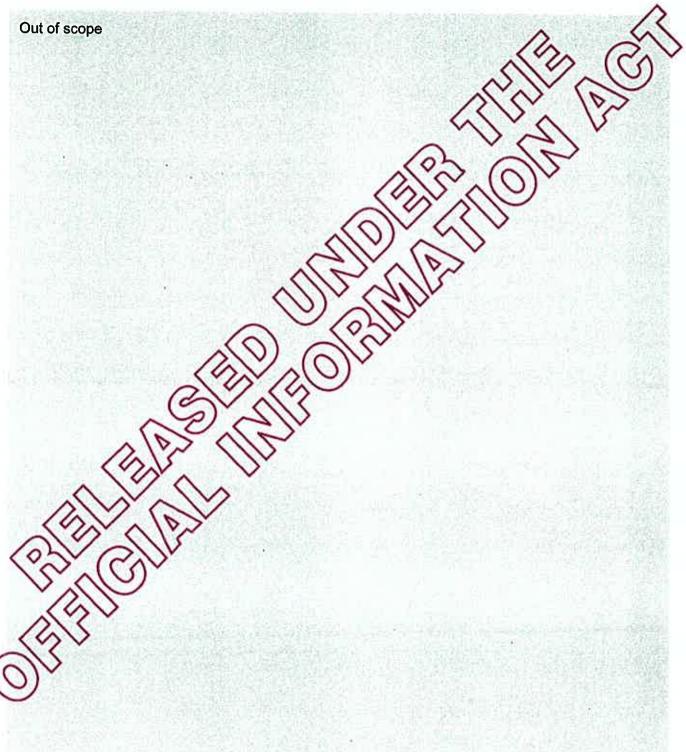
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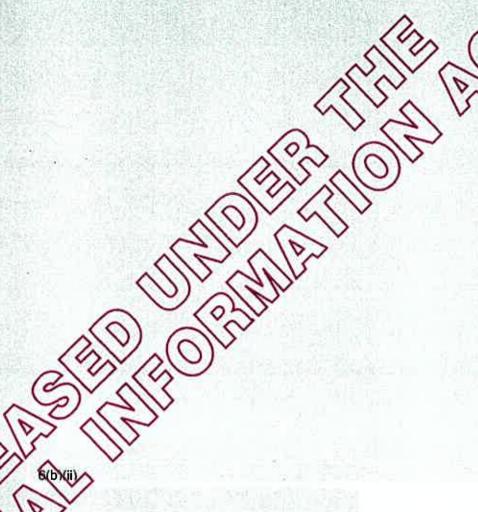
family-link criteria be removed. Family-linked refugees from the Middle East and African regions could still be resettled within the general protection category in the same way that family-linked refugees from other regions are.



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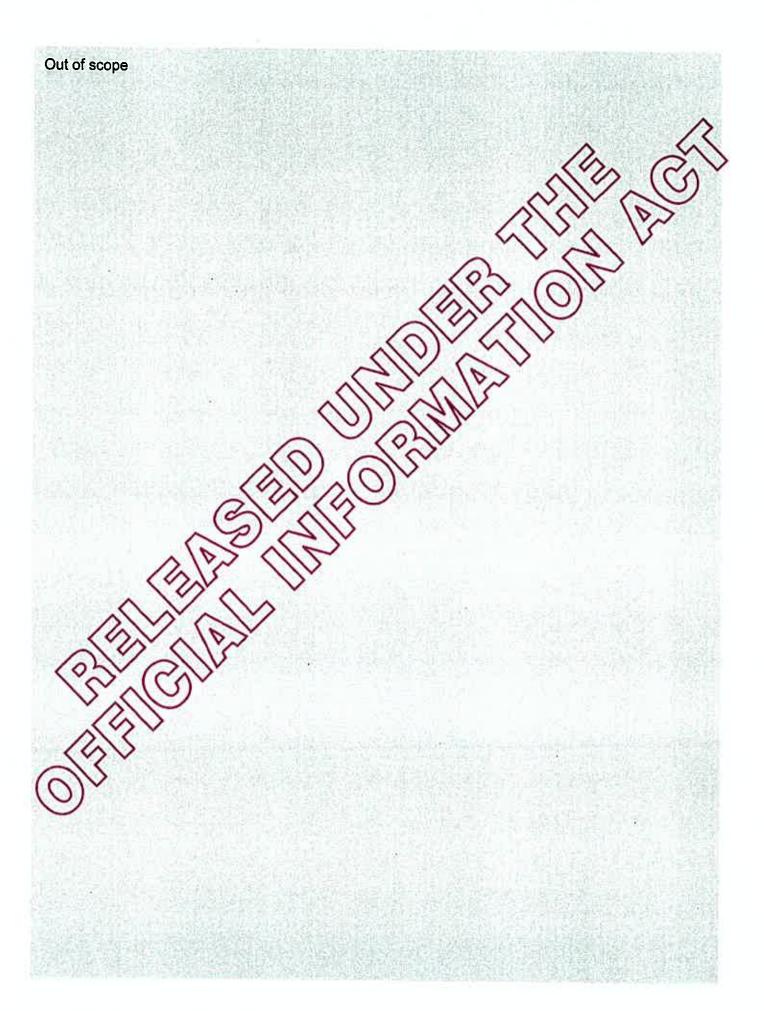
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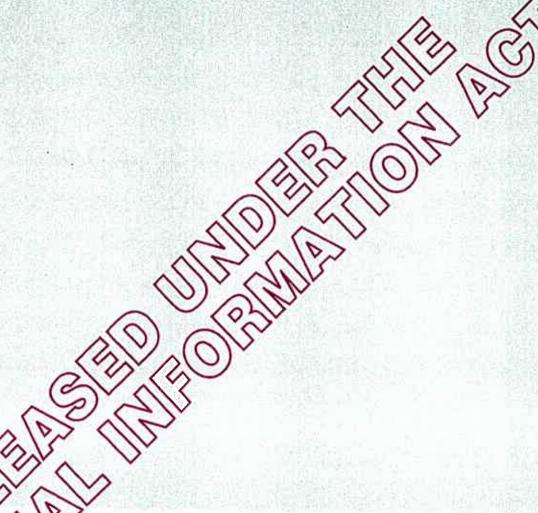


Proposed next three-year refugee quota; costs and other impacts of options

the possible removal of the family-link requirement

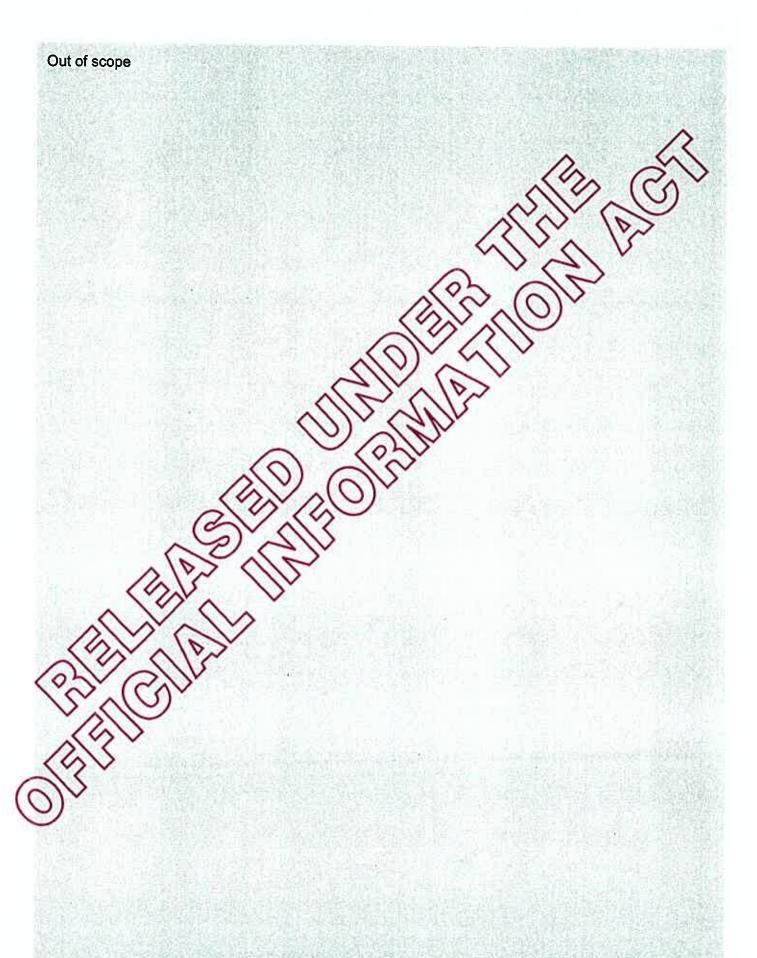
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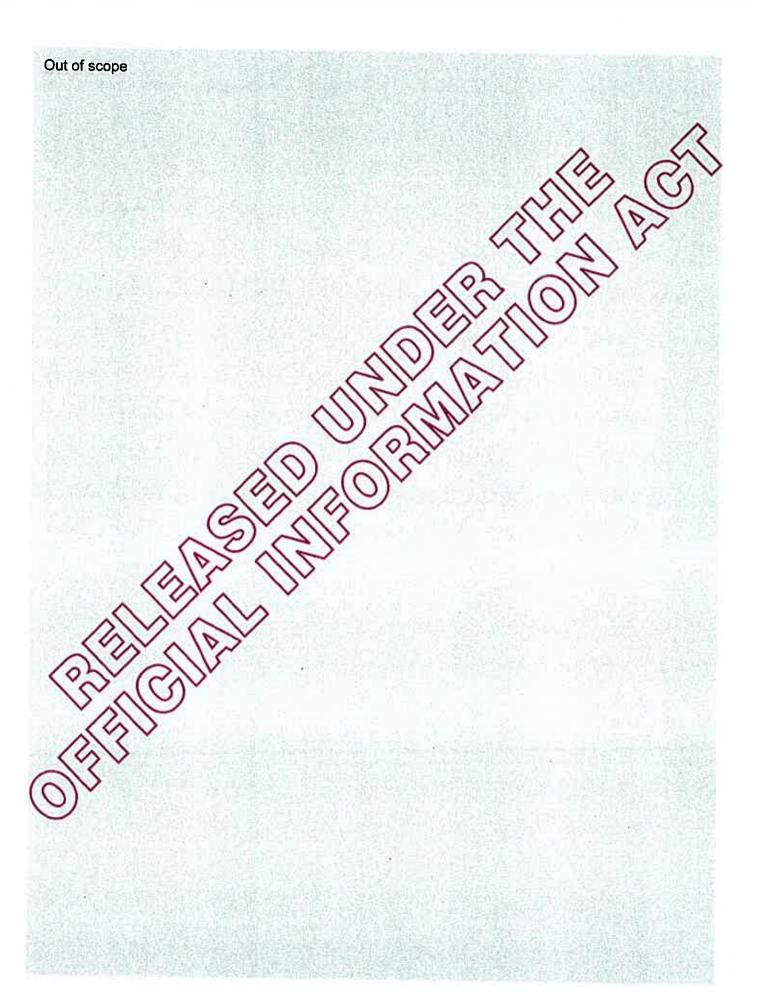


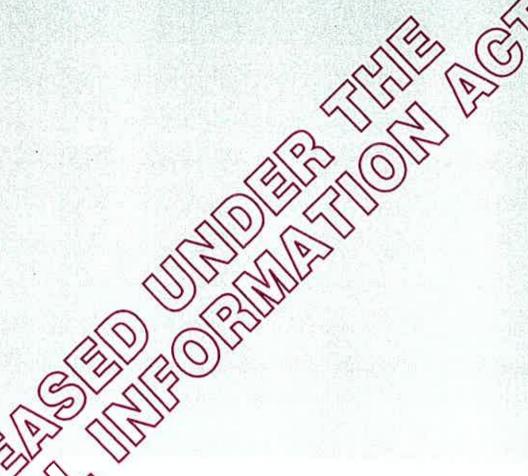


agreement to remove the requirement that refugees resettled from the African and Middle East regions be restricted to those with a pre-existing family-link (that is, rejugee family members already in New Zealand)

Agree/disagree/discuss





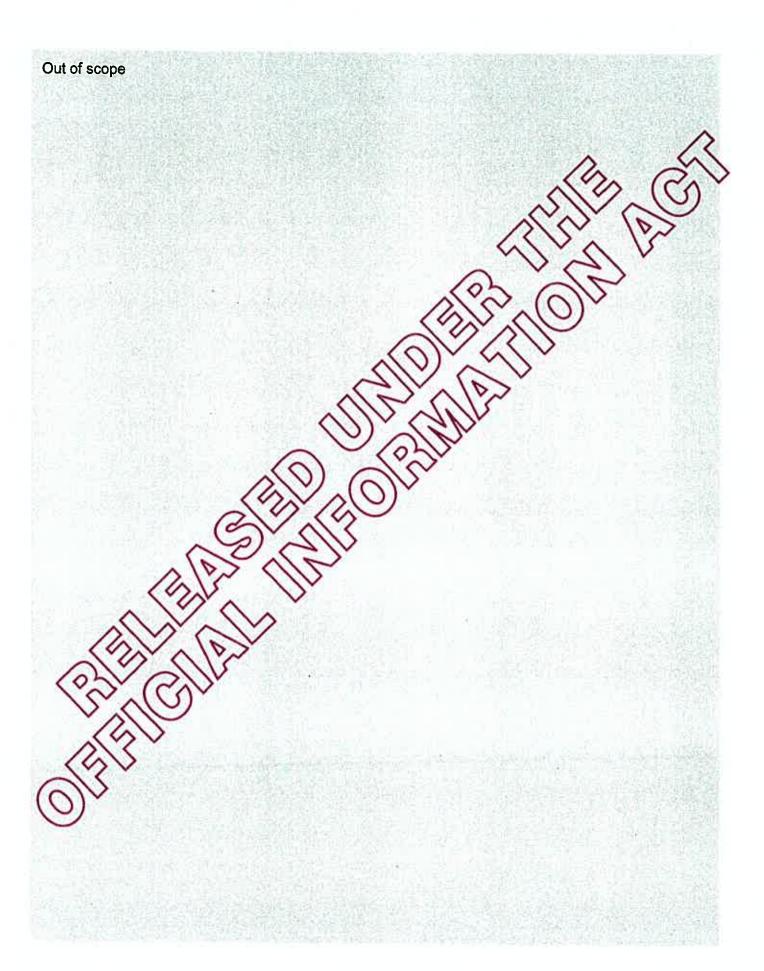


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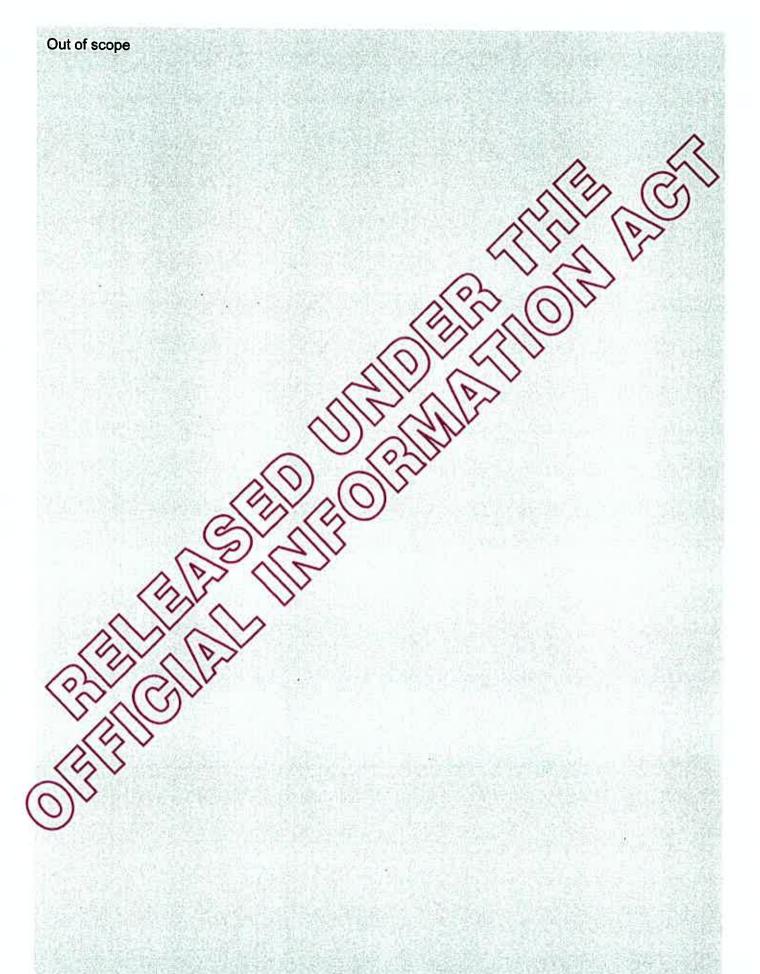
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19. We recommend that the family-link requirement be removed.

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#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this briefing is to:

- provide a draft Cabinet paper: The next three-year (2016) 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 time 2016, this paper needs to be lodged by 10am, Thursday, 26 May 2016

Noted

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

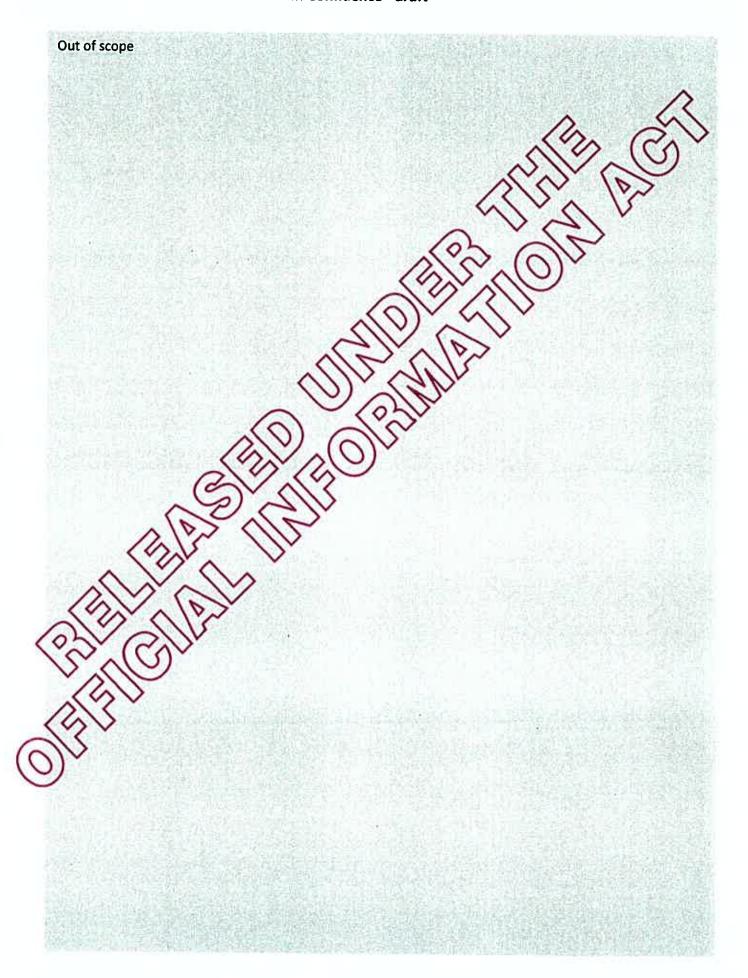
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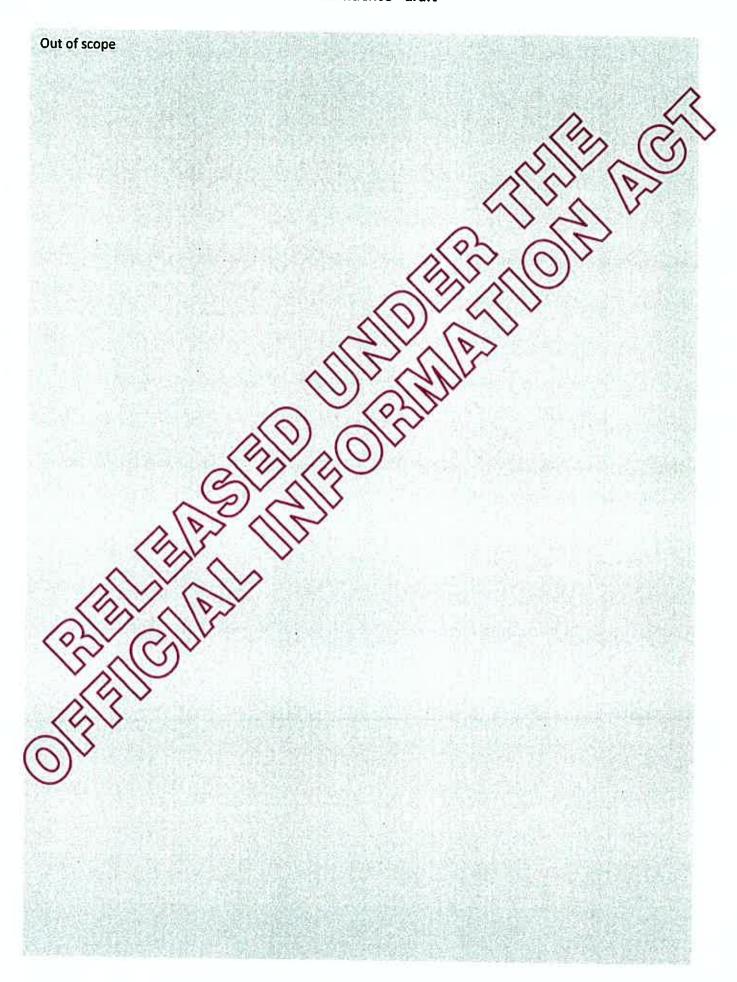
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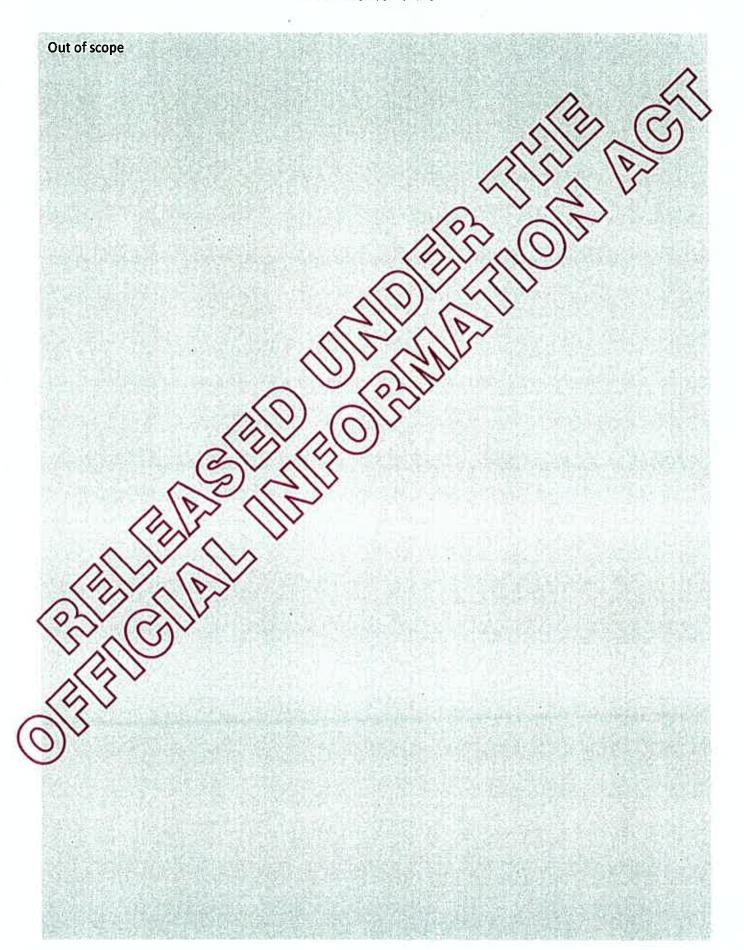
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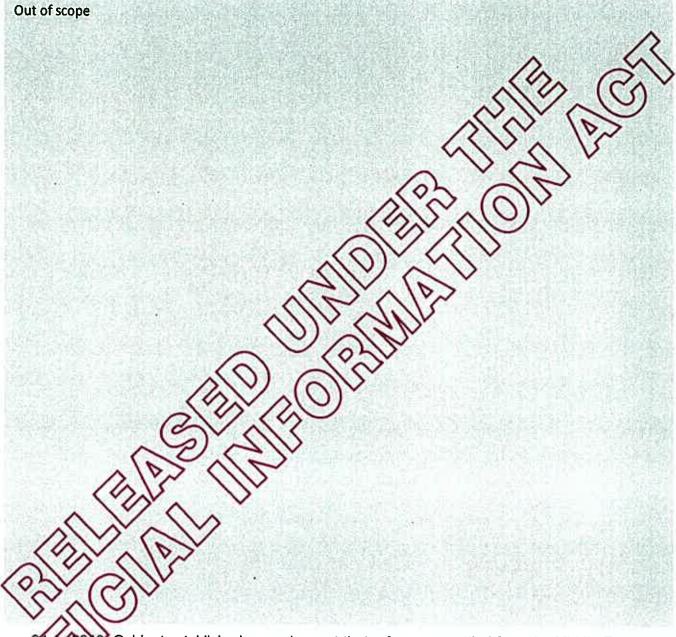
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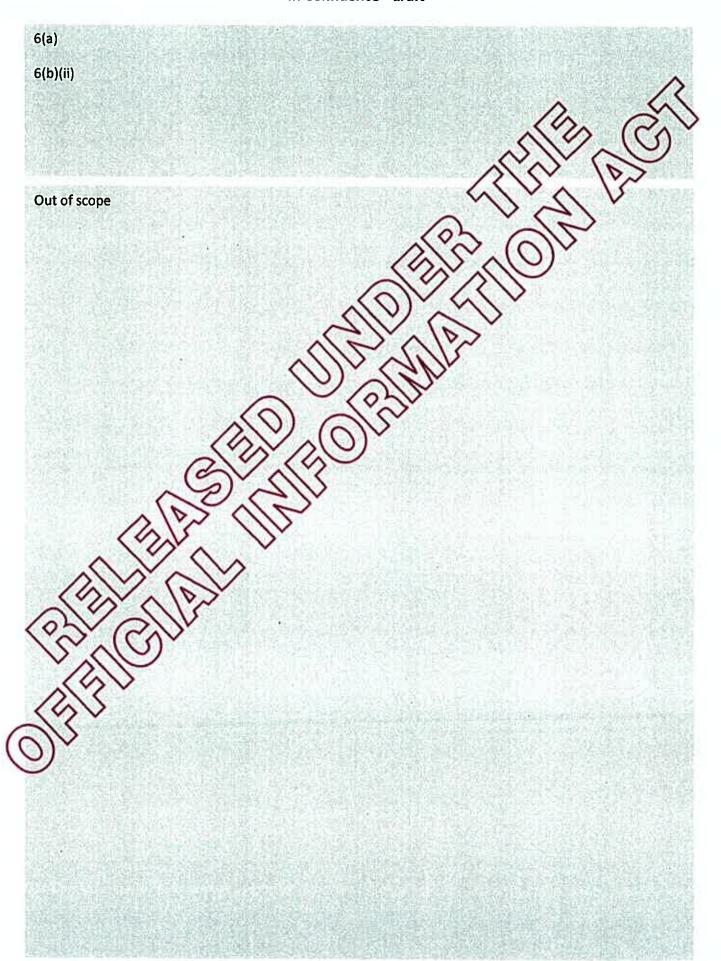


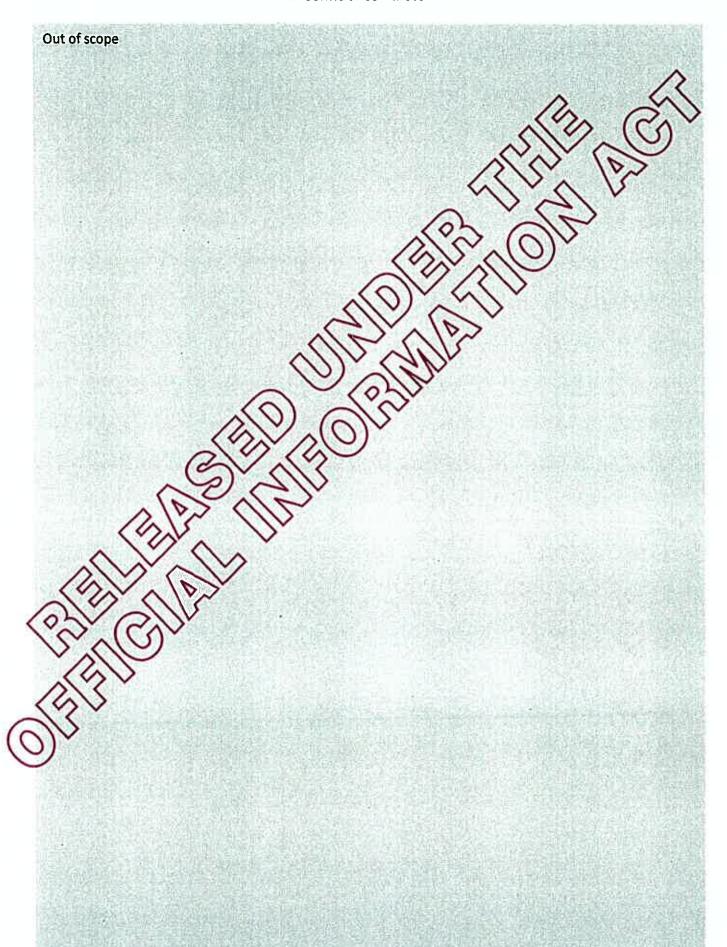


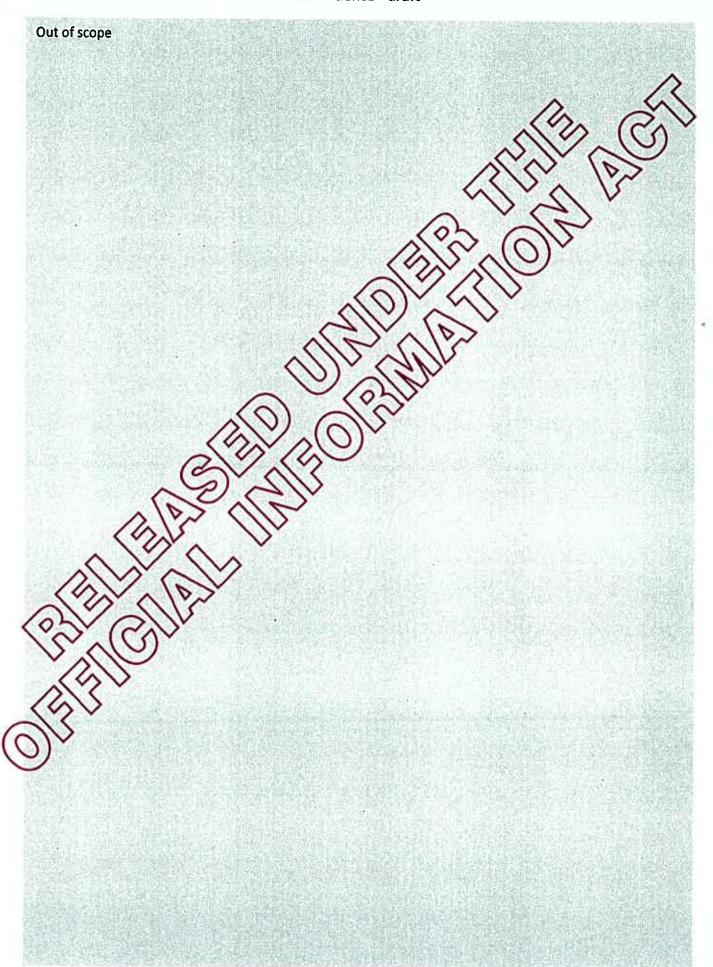


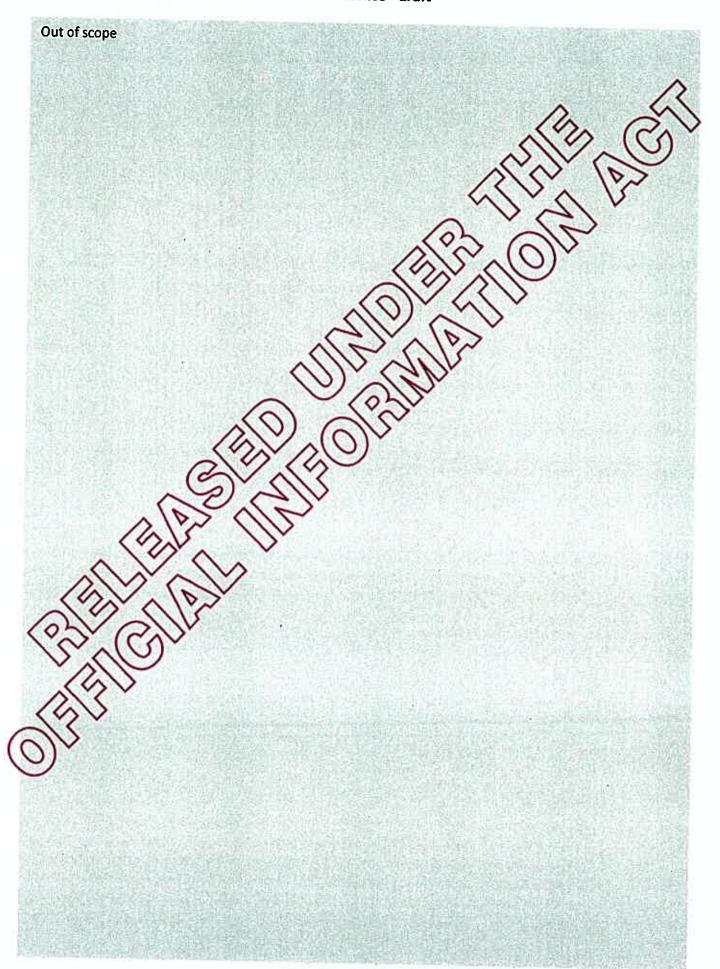


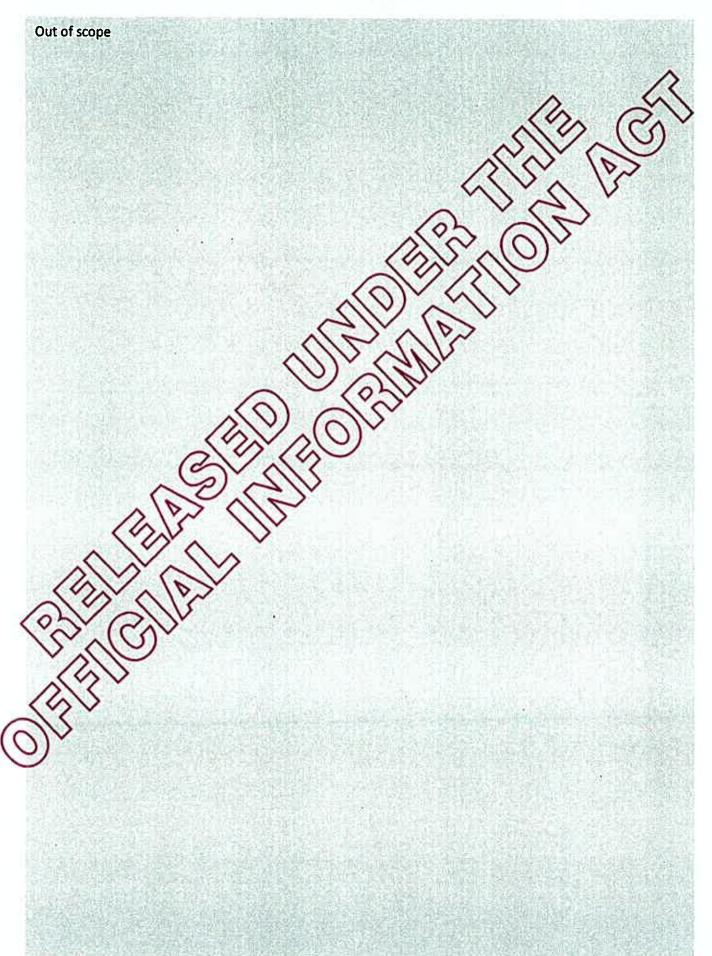
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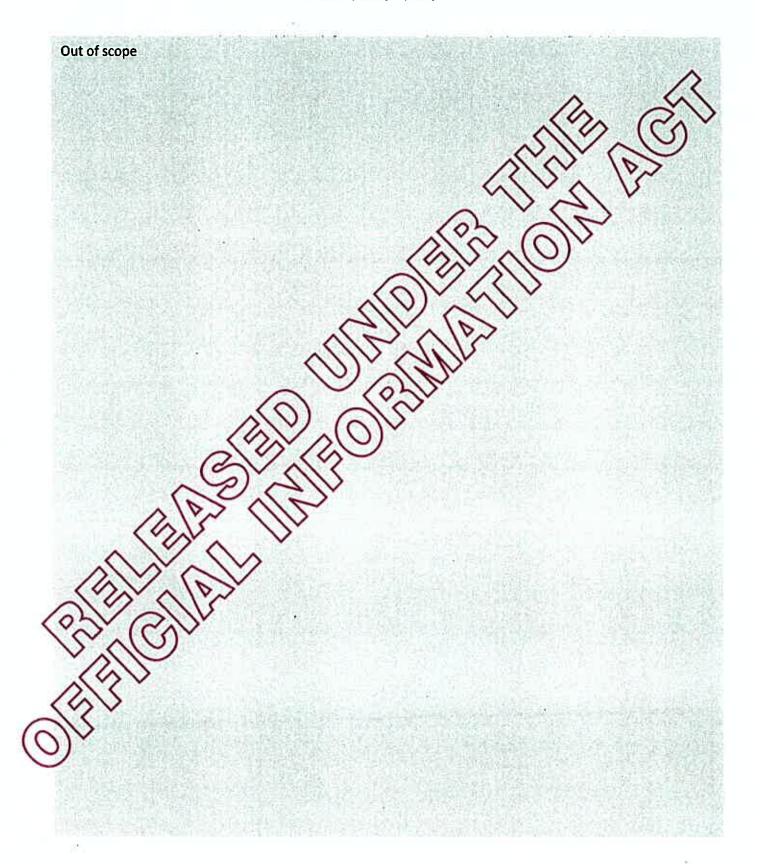


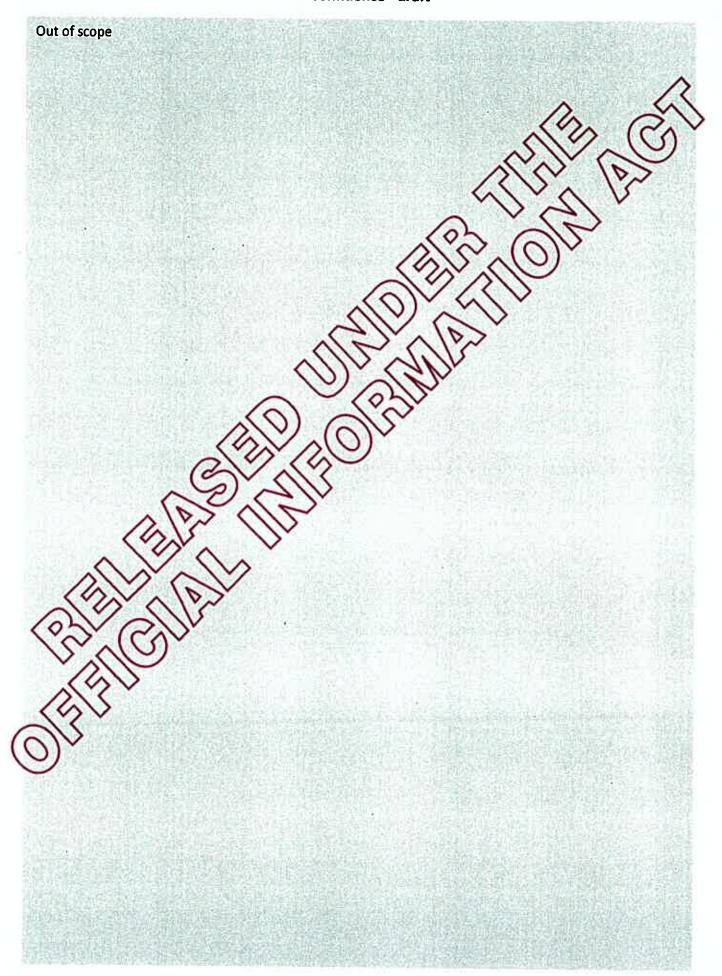




## Other proposals relating to the refugee quota

15. Note that no change is proposed to the regional allocations 6(a) Out of scope







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EGI consideration of Cabinet paper: The next three year refugee quota programme

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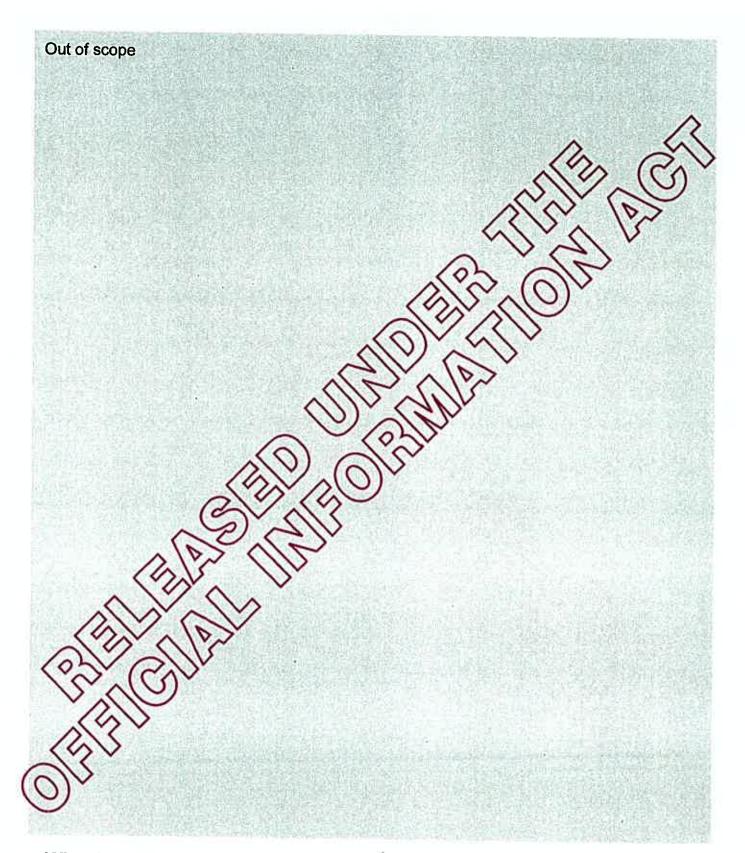
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## Why does the actual percentage resettled not match the Cabinet-agreed regional allocations?

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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