



BRIEFING

Draft Cabinet paper for consultation: Three-year Refugee Quota Programme 2019/20 to 2021/22

Date:	29 July 2019	Priority:	High
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2524 18-19 (Briefing) 2525 18-19 (Cabinet Paper)

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway Minister of Immigration	Agree to consult on the attached Cabinet paper with your colleagues and provide feedback to officials.	8 August 2019
Hon Poto Williams Associate Minister of Immigration	For your information.	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)				
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The following departments/agencies have been consulted
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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 Withdrawn |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



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Purpose

To provide you with a consultation draft Cabinet paper seeking agreement to establish the next three-year planning cycle (2019/20 to 2021/22) of the Refugee Quota Programme.

Executive Summary

Cabinet decisions are required on the current three-year planning cycle (2019/20 to 2021/22) of the Refugee Quota Programme (briefings 1857 18-19 and 2523 18-19 refer).

On 22 July 2019 you requested a revised draft Cabinet paper providing the following options on the family link requirement and international regional allocation, for consideration at the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) on 21 August:

Option	Status of family link requirement	International regional allocation (%)				Notes
		Asia-Pacific	Americas	Middle East	Africa	
1	Retained	70	20	5	5	Reflects the status quo, with regional allocation adjusted to be viable given the retention of the family link requirement
2	Modified so that it does not apply to women at risk, those with medical conditions/disabilities, or family groups	40	20	20	20	Reflects the recommendation in the first draft Cabinet paper
3	Removed	40	20	20	20	Reflects UNHCR recommendations

Your office also requested removing a section that had been included in an earlier draft version of the paper which noted that officials at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and Oranga Tamariki-Ministry for Children would assess the viability of introducing a subcategory for unaccompanied minors.

Officials have prepared a draft Cabinet paper containing these options, attached at Annex One.

Recommended action

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

- a **Agree** to consult on the attached draft Cabinet paper with your Ministerial colleagues, and provide any final feedback to officials by 8 August 2019.

Agree / Disagree



Siân Roguski
Manager, Immigration Policy
Labour, Science and Enterprise, MBIE

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Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Minister of Immigration

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Background

MBIE provided you a draft Cabinet paper proposing settings for the next three year Refugee Quota Programme

1. New Zealand's Refugee Quota Programme is decided in three-year planning cycles. The current cycle began on 1 July 2019, and will run until 30 June 2022. Cabinet decisions are required on the settings of the current cycle.
2. On 1 February 2019, MBIE officials briefed you on options for the next three years (briefing 1857 18-19 refers). On 7 March 2019 you responded with your preferred options, and on 14 March officials provided you a draft Cabinet paper for feedback and Ministerial consultation (briefing 2523 18-19 refers).

Following Ministerial consultation, you requested changes

3. On 1 April your office requested a minor change to the paper's explanation of the context of global refugee resettlement need. On 30 May your office requested a revised draft in which the family link requirement was removed, and a preference for family groups instated.
4. On 22 July your office requested a revised draft providing Cabinet three options for the settings of the family link requirement and international regional allocation. The options your office requested are contained in the table below:

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5. Your office also requested removing a section that had been included in an earlier draft version of the paper which noted that officials at MBIE and Oranga Tamariki-Ministry for Children would assess the viability of introducing a subcategory for unaccompanied minors.
6. MBIE officials have redrafted the Cabinet paper to include these options. The paper is attached at Annex One.

Consultation

7. MBIE has consulted the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and informed the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet of the revised draft.
8. MBIE considers that the third option best reflects the humanitarian intent of the Refugee Quota Programme.
9.  International relations

Next steps

10. MBIE recommends that you respond with final feedback following any further consultation by Thursday 8 August. This will allow time to finalise the Cabinet paper for consideration by DEV on 21 August, as in the proposed timeframe below:

Action	Date
Minister's office begins consultation with colleagues (reduced consultation time of seven working days)	Tuesday 30 July
Minister's office provides feedback to MBIE	Thursday 8 August
MBIE provides final version of the Cabinet paper to the Minister's office	Monday 12 August
Minister's office lodges the Cabinet paper	Thursday 15 August
DEV considers the Cabinet paper	Wednesday 21 August
Cabinet confirms DEV's decision	Monday 26 August

11. 21 August is also the intended date for DEV to consider a Cabinet paper on changes to temporary migration.
12. MBIE officials will provide talking points for the discussion at DEV with the final Cabinet paper.
13. The Cabinet paper includes a note that MBIE will release it proactively on the MBIE website within 30 days of a Cabinet decision, with information redacted according to the Official Information Act 1987 and MBIE's proactive release criteria. Following a Cabinet decision MBIE will provide a proposed version for proactive release to you for your approval.

Annex

Annex One: Draft Cabinet paper – *Three-year Refugee Quota Programme 2019/20 to 2021/22*