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Cabinet Business Committee

Minute of Decision

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Resetting the Three-year Refugee Quota Programme (2025/26 to 2027/28)

Portfolio Immigration

On 9 June 2025, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that Cabinet decisions on regional allocations and sub-categories in the next three-year Refugee Quota Programme (2025/26 to 2027/28) are required;
- 2 **agreed** to continue current regional allocation of places within the Refugee Quota for 2025/26 to 2027/28, as follows:

<i>Region (of asylum)</i>	<i>2024/25 (current)</i>	<i>2025/26 to 2027/28</i>
Asia / Pacific	50 percent	50 percent
Americas	10 percent	10 percent
Middle East	20 percent	20 percent
Africa	20 percent	20 percent

- 3 **agreed** to the following subcategories and allocations within the Refugee Quota:

<i>Number of places per year</i>				
<i>Subcategories</i>	<i>2024/25 (current)</i>	<i>2025/26</i>	<i>2026/27</i>	<i>2027/28</i>
Medical Needs	Up to 75	Up to 75	Up to 75	Up to 75
Unallocated – Emergency / Urgent Resettlement*	Up to 100	Up to 100	Up to 100	Up to 100
Afghan refugees	300	0	0	0
New Zealand – Australia Refugee Resettlement Arrangement*	150	0	0	0
Places for large-scale refugee crisis situations*	200 (+/- 10%)	0	0	0
Women at risk	At least 150	At least 150	At least 150	At least 150

**Not included in the regional allocation*

- 4 **noted** that, although the Associate Minister of Immigration (Hon Casey Costello) proposes to remove some subcategories, the total size of the Refugee Quota will remain at 1500 places;
- 5 **agreed** that the Minister of Immigration or Associate Minister of Immigration responsible for the Refugee Quota Programme will still be able to allocate places in response to future refugee crises on an ad hoc basis, in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Casey Costello

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet