



Weekly Report to the Minister of Immigration and Associate Minister of Immigration

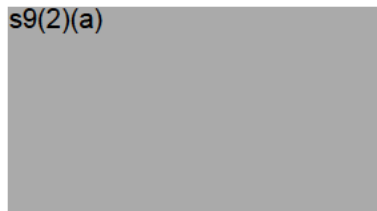
For the period from 26 April to 2 May 2023

Date:	3 May 2023	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In confidence	Tracking number:	2223-2401

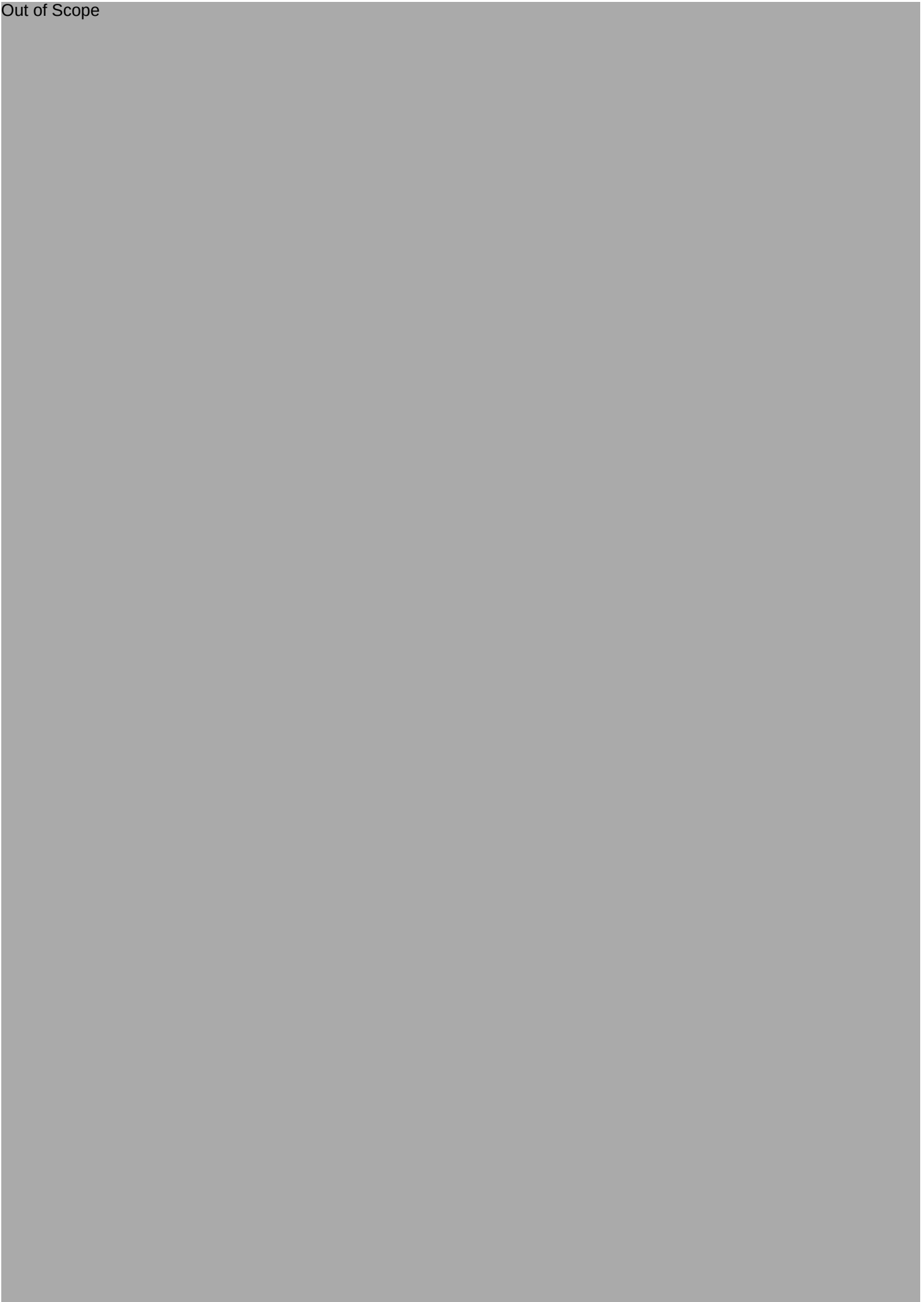
Ministers	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Michael Wood Minister of Immigration	Discuss at the next immigration portfolio meeting	N/A
Hon Rachel Brooking Associate Minister of Immigration	For information	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	
Stephen Vaughan	Chief Operating Officer Immigration New Zealand	s9(2)(a)	s9(2)(a)
Alison McDonald	Deputy Secretary Immigration		
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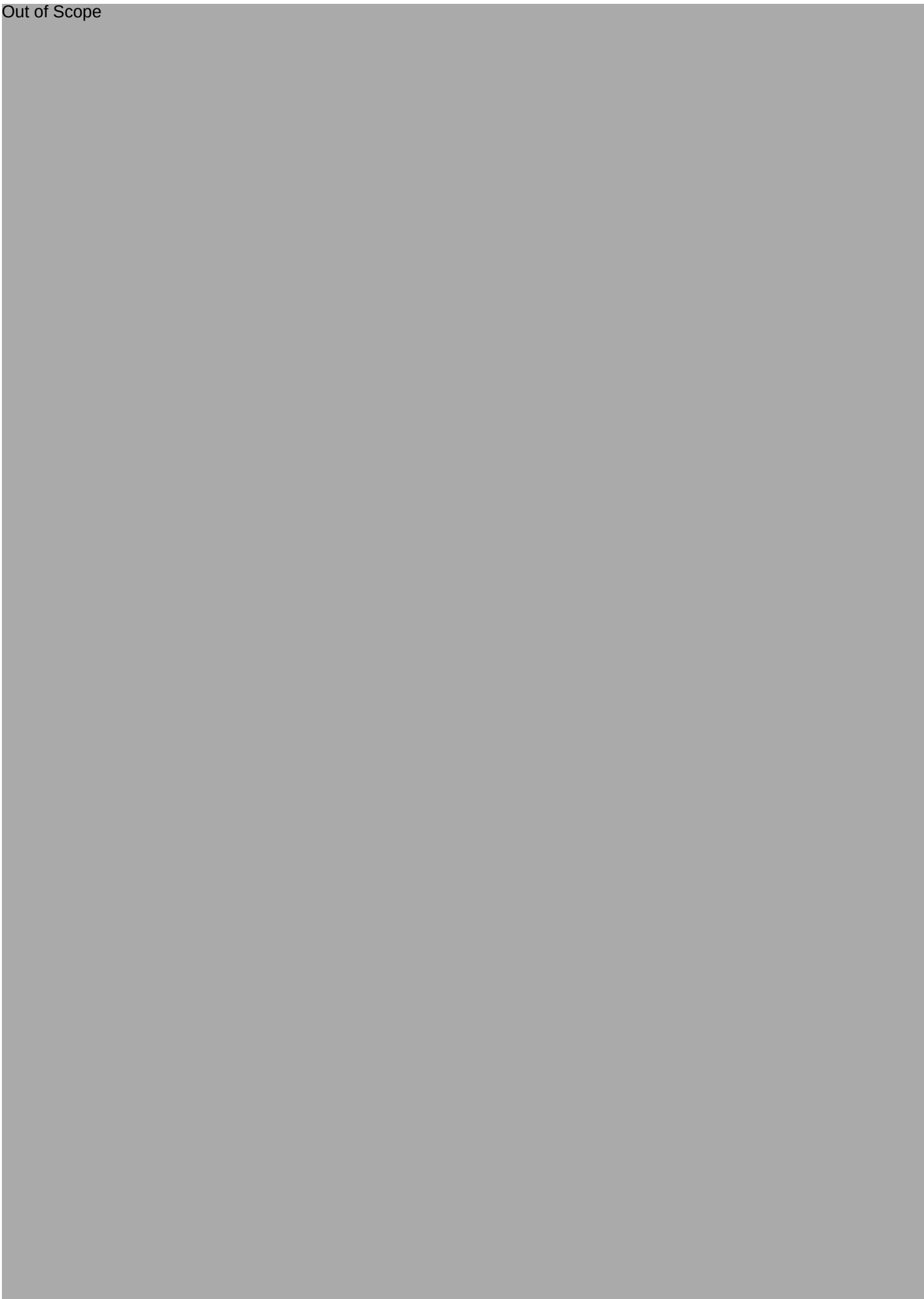


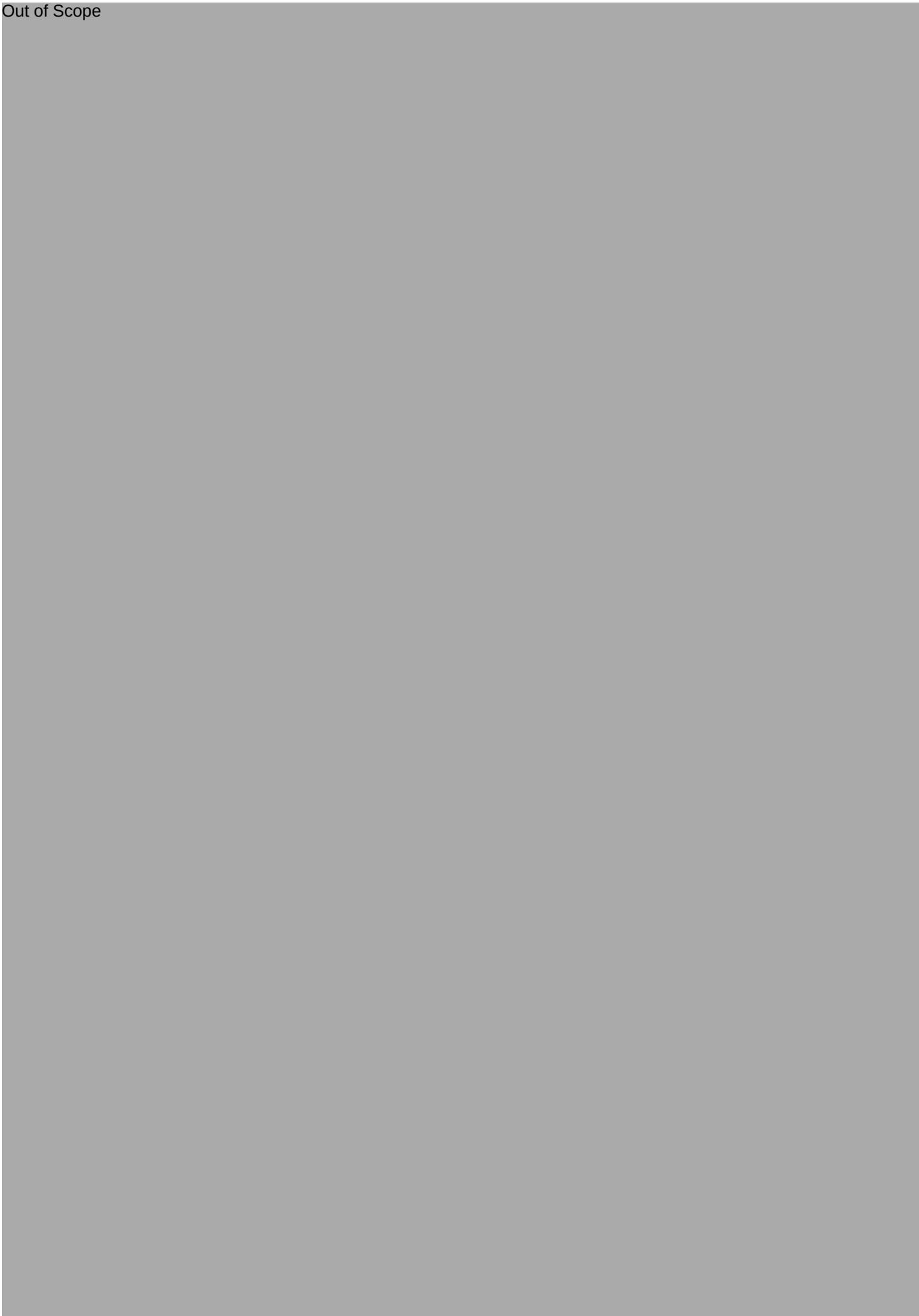
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3.5 Biometrics Capability Update project

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The Biometric Capability Update project delivers a significant upgrade of INZ's biometrics management, capture, and matching solution. This is a core capability for New Zealand's future protection in an environment where identity fraud, terrorism (including cyber terrorism) and other sources of harm are prevalent. The upgraded capability is crucial to risk mitigation and will assist with INZ's future business needs.

MBIE has commenced loading of the biometric and biographical data into the new solution, with the initial batch of data loaded having been validated and reconciled successfully. The next key project milestone of system integration testing is scheduled to begin in May 2023. The upgraded systems are currently scheduled to go live in November 2023. This is a multi-year project which has experienced a number of risks that may impact delivery costs and timeframes. However, MBIE is working actively to mitigate these risks.

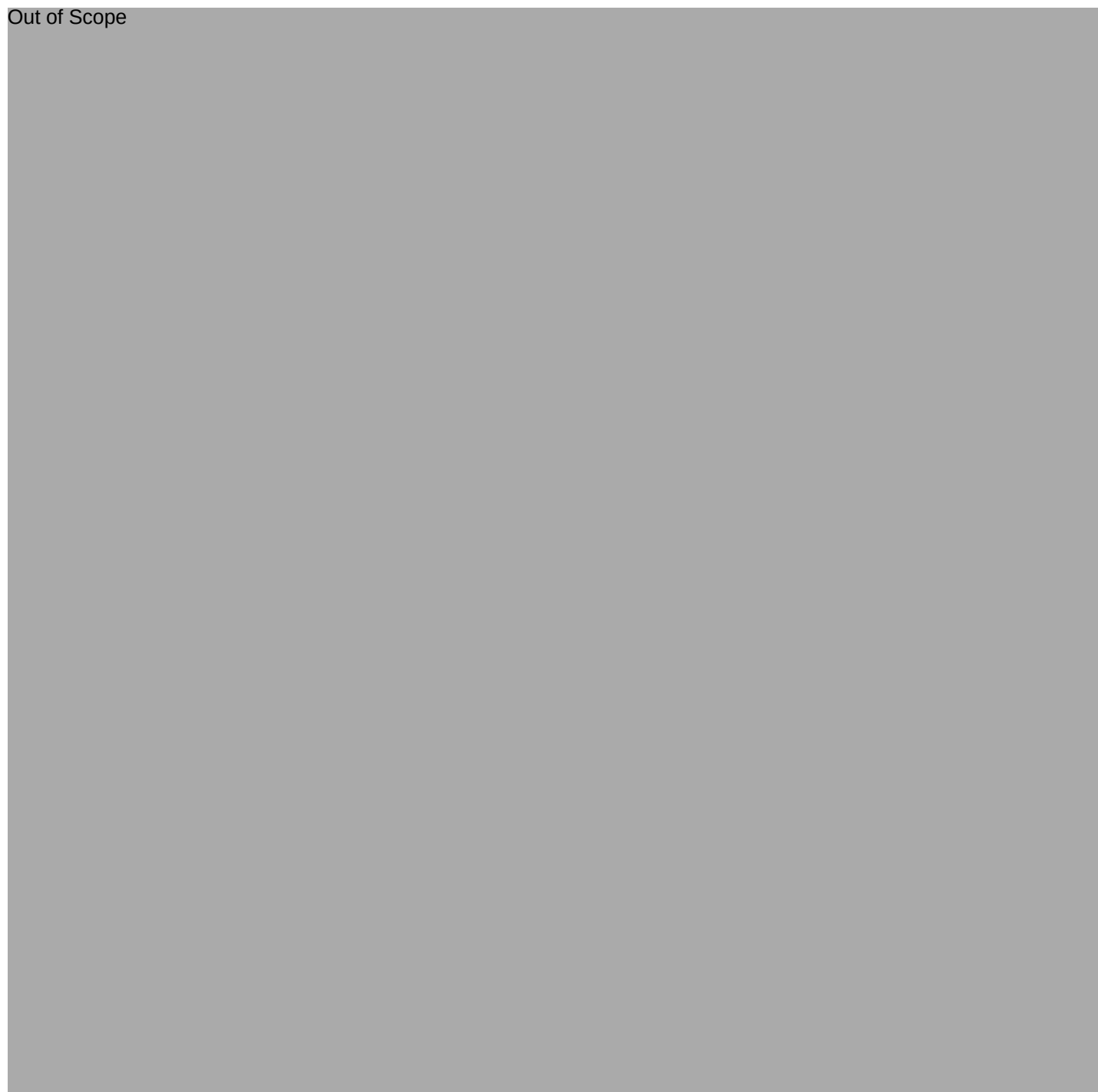


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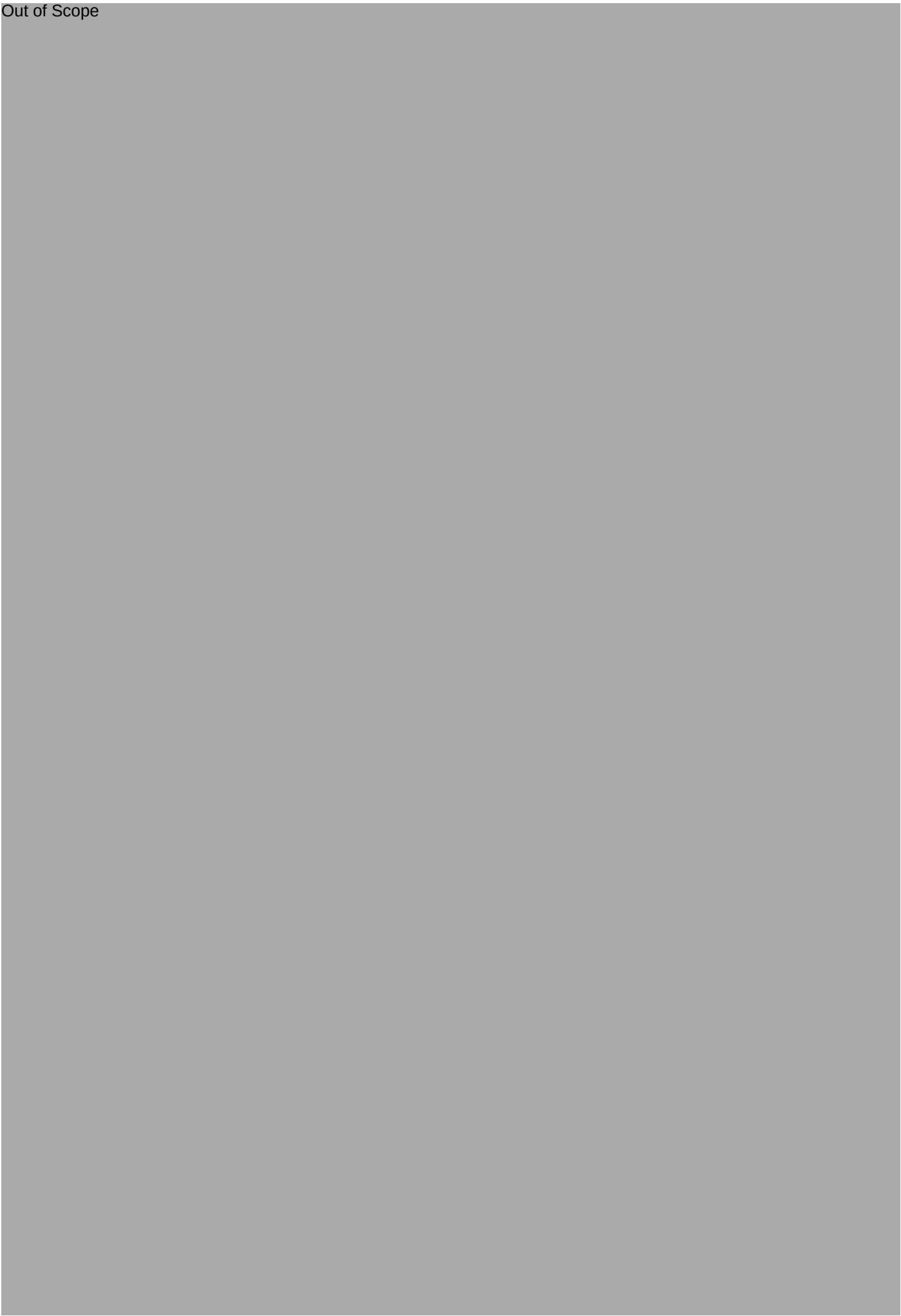


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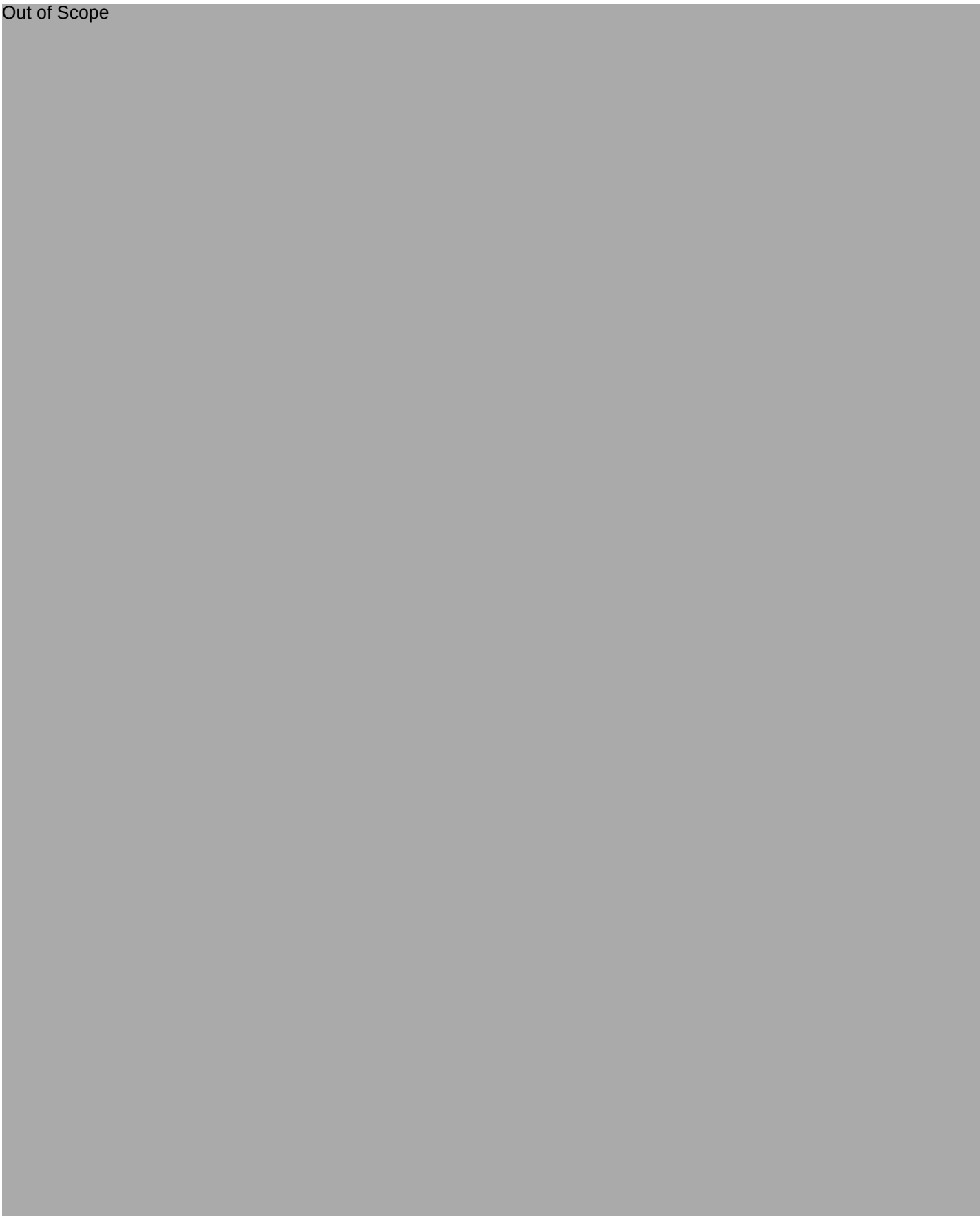




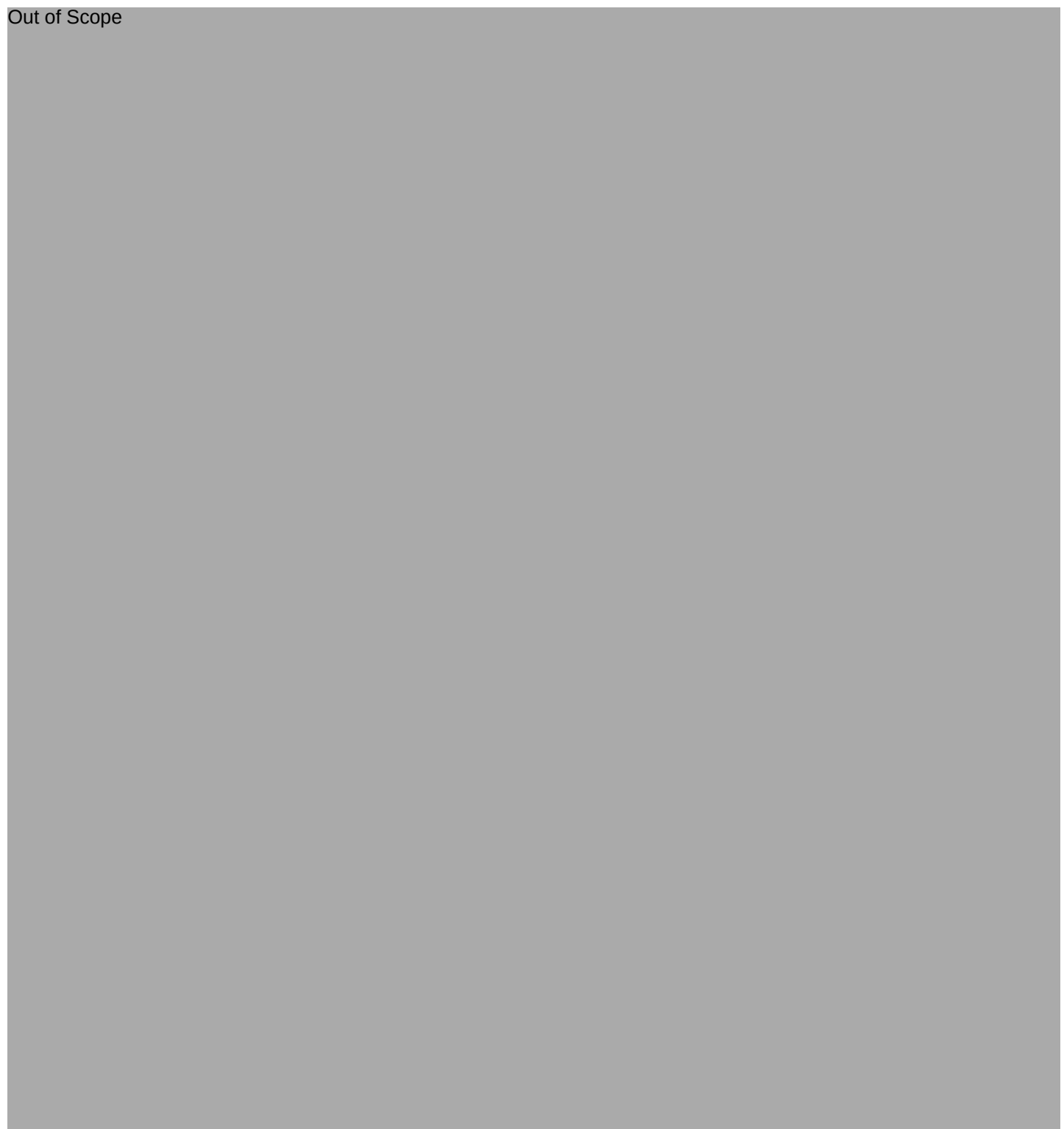
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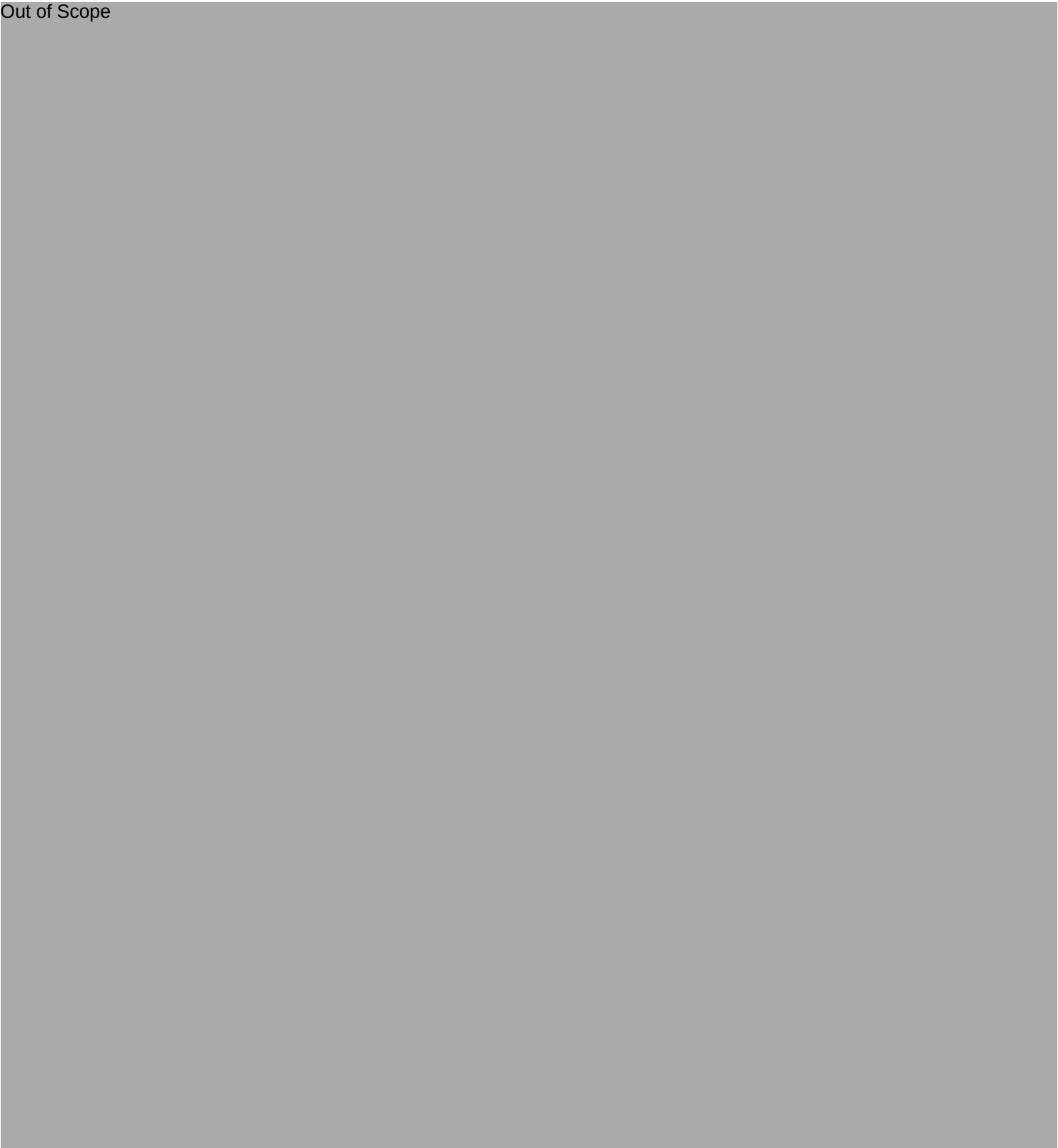


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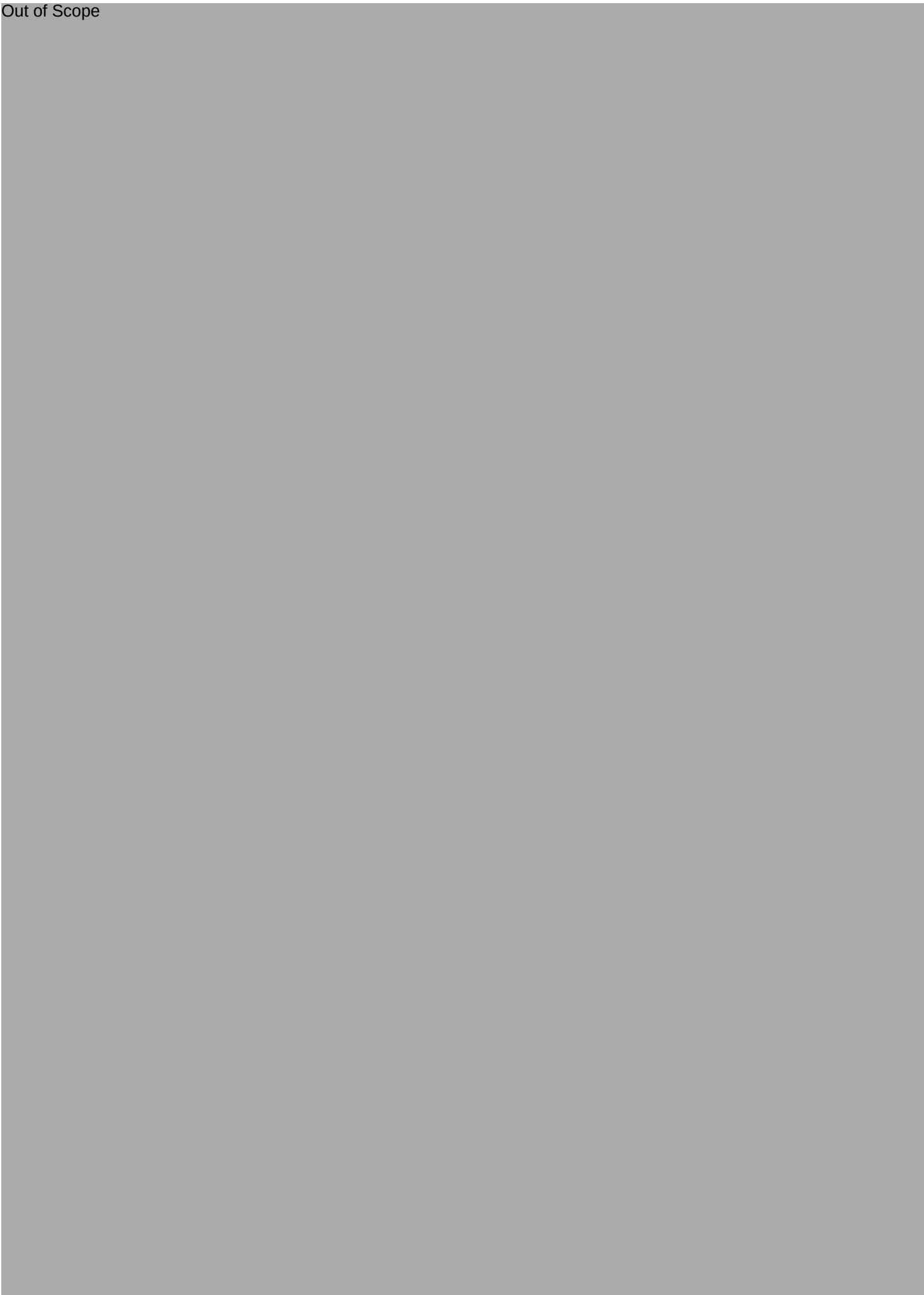




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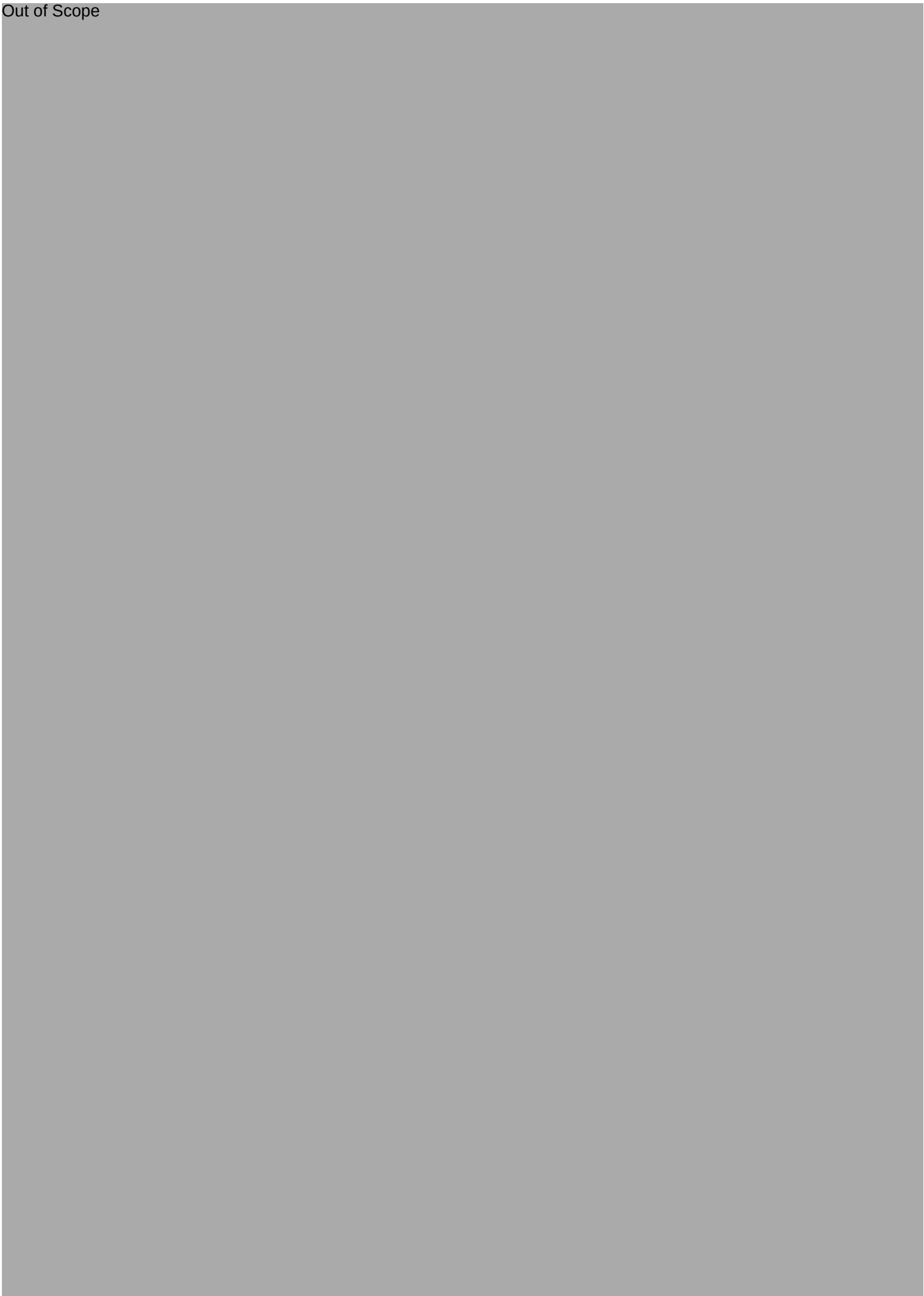


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BRIEFING

Immigration system operating environment

Date	4 December 2023	Priority	High
Security classification	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2324-1101

Action sought		
	Action sought	Date
Hon Erica Stanford Minister of Immigration	Agree to recommendation	6 December 2023

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	
	Deputy Chief Executive – Immigration, Immigration New Zealand	s9(2)(a)	
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The following departments/agencies have been consulted
N/A

Minister's office to complete:

- ☐ Approved
☐ Noted
☐ Seen
☐ See Minister's Notes

- ☐ Declined
☐ Needs change
☐ Overtaken by Events
☐ Withdrawn

Comments

BRIEFING



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Date:	4 December 2023	Priority:	High
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Purpose

This briefing provides background on the immigration system's operating model and environment and MBIE's operational response to the challenges and demands created by that environment. It summarises key initiatives for maintaining and enhancing Immigration New Zealand's (INZ's) operational efficiency and the quality of its regulatory functions and highlights the need to balance the delivery of these initiatives against other priorities for the immigration system and portfolio.

Executive summary

MBIE is the lead agency in the administration and operation of the immigration system. Its role spans visa processing, border control, compliance and investigations, refugee resettlement functions and engagement with users of the system.

The immigration operating environment is complex and dynamic, and requires trade-offs to balance risk, cost and efficiency. The closure and re-opening of the border after the COVID 19 pandemic, and the requirement to implement adjustments to policy settings concurrently created challenges for the system, some of which persist.

Despite volume pressures and the requirement to react quickly to emerging issues, with the border now fully open for over a year the processing of most visa categories and the associated applications is keeping up with demand. The timeliness for decision-making on applications is close to target for most products. There are, however, specific areas of the system which are under pressure. These include:

- application processing particularly in relation to visitor visas and applications for employer accreditation and job checks under the accredited employer work visa policy
- emerging immigration fraud and migrant exploitation
- cost pressures, particularly in relation to the provision of services to refugees and asylum seekers.

MBIE is responding to these pressures with a range of actions in the operational and compliance areas. These include:

- ensuring the INZ workforce is appropriately sized to deal with the volume of work
- periodic adjustments to processes via general instructions to focus visa processing, balancing facilitation and risk as appropriate
- post-decision verification on employers accredited under the Accredited Employer Work Visa framework
- ICT systems development to improve efficiency and quality, including the migration of visa products onto INZ's future processing platform, ADEPT
- addressing risk early and keeping risk offshore

- structural change within MBIE to build centres of expertise across the Ministry, enabling it to operate in a more integrated and effective way.

Some of these measures, particularly those related to ICT systems, are large. The formulation of priorities, policy options, sequencing and timing for policy change would ideally factor in this work as change capacity is limited.

Additional measures which would also assist MBIE to operate the immigration system more efficiently and effectively include the simplification of policy settings and processes and requiring temporary visa applicants to provide translations of non-English language supporting documents to bring New Zealand into line with our Migration 5 partners.

Officials are available to discuss the matters raised in this briefing with you at the meeting on MBIE's operation of the immigration regulatory system on 6 December 2023 at 3pm.

Recommended action

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

- Note** that you are meeting with MBIE officials to discuss MBIE's operation of the immigration system on Wednesday, 6 December at 3pm.

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Immigration New Zealand, MBIE

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Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Immigration

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Overview of immigration system objectives and functions

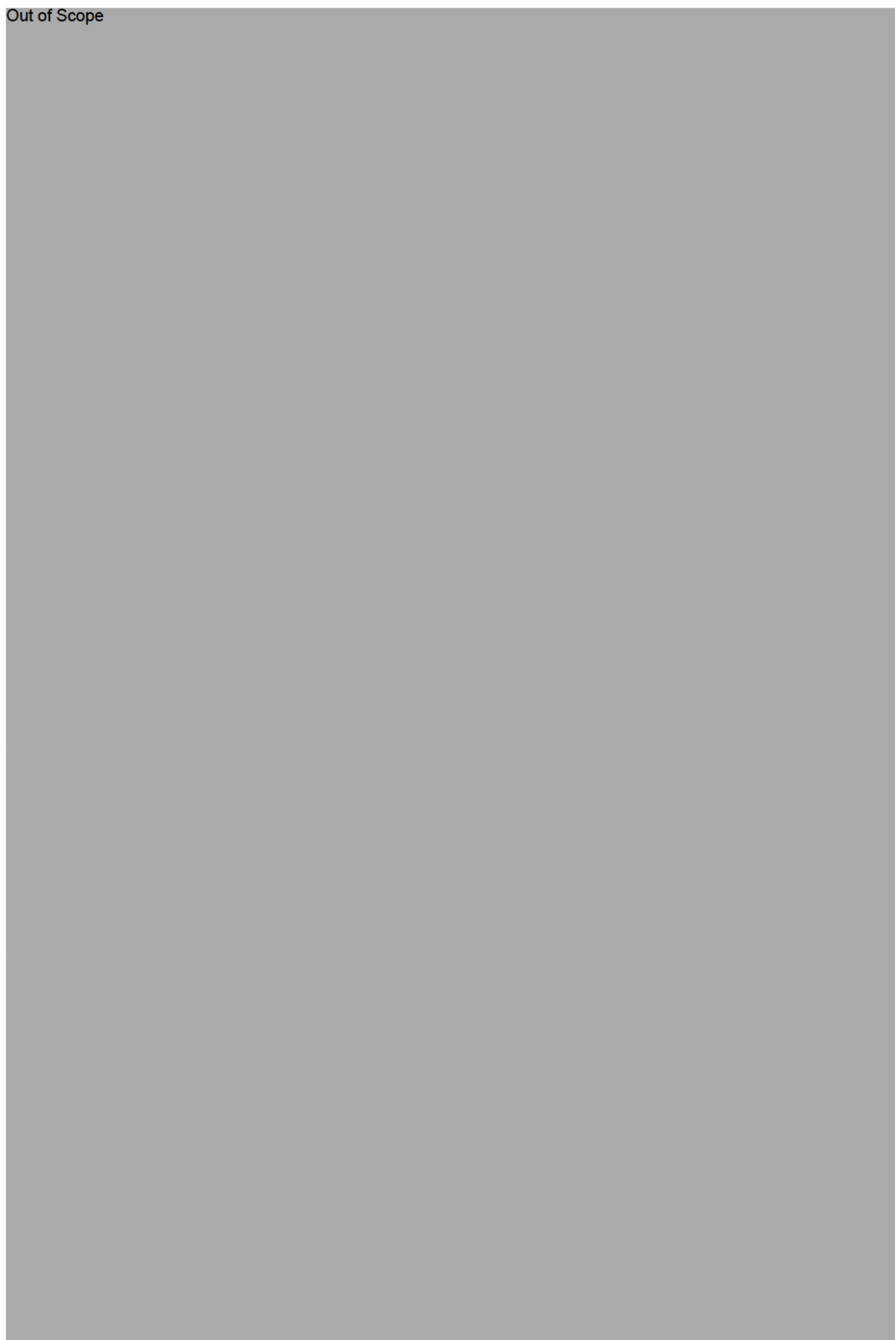
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Biometric Capability Update (BCU) project

47. The BCU project will deliver a significant update to the existing INZ biometrics management, capture and matching solution which is used as the authoritative source of identities for non-New Zealanders both within INZ and across government. When completed, the update will improve efficiency through higher levels of automation and lower the number of cases which need manual intervention to resolve which will have a positive impact in visa processing. It is also providing upgraded equipment to be used by front line staff for enrolment (capture of biometrics) including for offshore refugee missions.
48. The project is under some cost pressure due to the complexity of the system and options for its completion are currently being considered. You will be briefed separately on next steps for the project shortly.

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Annex Two: INZ FTE workforce and major delivery milestones following border re-opening

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For the period from 20 June to 26 June 2024

Date:	26 June 2024	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2324-2497

	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Erica Stanford Minister of Immigration	Discuss at the next immigration officials' meeting	N/A
Hon Casey Costello Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A
Hon Chris Penk Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A

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2. IMMIGRATION POLICY UPDATES

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3. IMMIGRATION OPERATIONAL UPDATES

3.1. Biometric Capability Update project

The Biometric Capability Update (BCU) project remains in the testing phase in the System Integration Test (SIT) environment, with a scheduled SIT end date of 8 July 2024. As of 18 June 2024, 86 per cent of Priority One^[1], Priority Two^[2] and Priority Three^[3] test cases have been completed by MBIE (up two per cent from the last report). The number of test scripts completed each week has slowed due to the testers waiting on defects being fixed by vendors and being assigned to support User Acceptance Testing (UAT) cutover tasks. MBIE is behind track to complete all test cases by the end of the SIT phase; work is currently underway to understand the impact of this on other activities planned and the Go Live date of the project. Resolution of system defects by the lead vendor remains slower than anticipated and the project has prioritised defects for the lead vendor to fix. The project team has been working closely with the business to identify and document temporary system workarounds that will be required at Go Live.

In preparation for the project to continue into the next phase, the technical activities related to data migration and preparing the UAT environment have encountered some challenges. Full transition into the UAT phase is behind schedule and the lessons learned during this cutover will ensure a smoother transition into Pre-Production and Production. The project is working closely with vendors to understand when the environment may be available and are looking to run Performance and Business Acceptance tasks in parallel to reduce the impact to the project. The project continues to raise risks to Governance as they arise, including any mitigations and escalations required.

The Project Statement of Work (SoW) will continue following the expiry of the current Master Services Agreement (MSA) on 30 June 2024, allowing time for the lead vendor and MBIE to continue negotiations on the new MSA. The new MSA has been reviewed by MBIE, and feedback was sent to the lead vendor on 17 June 2024. Negotiations will commence shortly with support from external legal services provider Buddle Findlay. The End User Licence Agreement has been returned to MBIE for review and the Support SoW is with the lead vendor for review and feedback.

Submission of the BCU Cabinet paper is tentatively planned for late July 2024, pending discussions between MBIE and the Minister of Immigration on how this might be positioned when considering project Whole of Life Costs.

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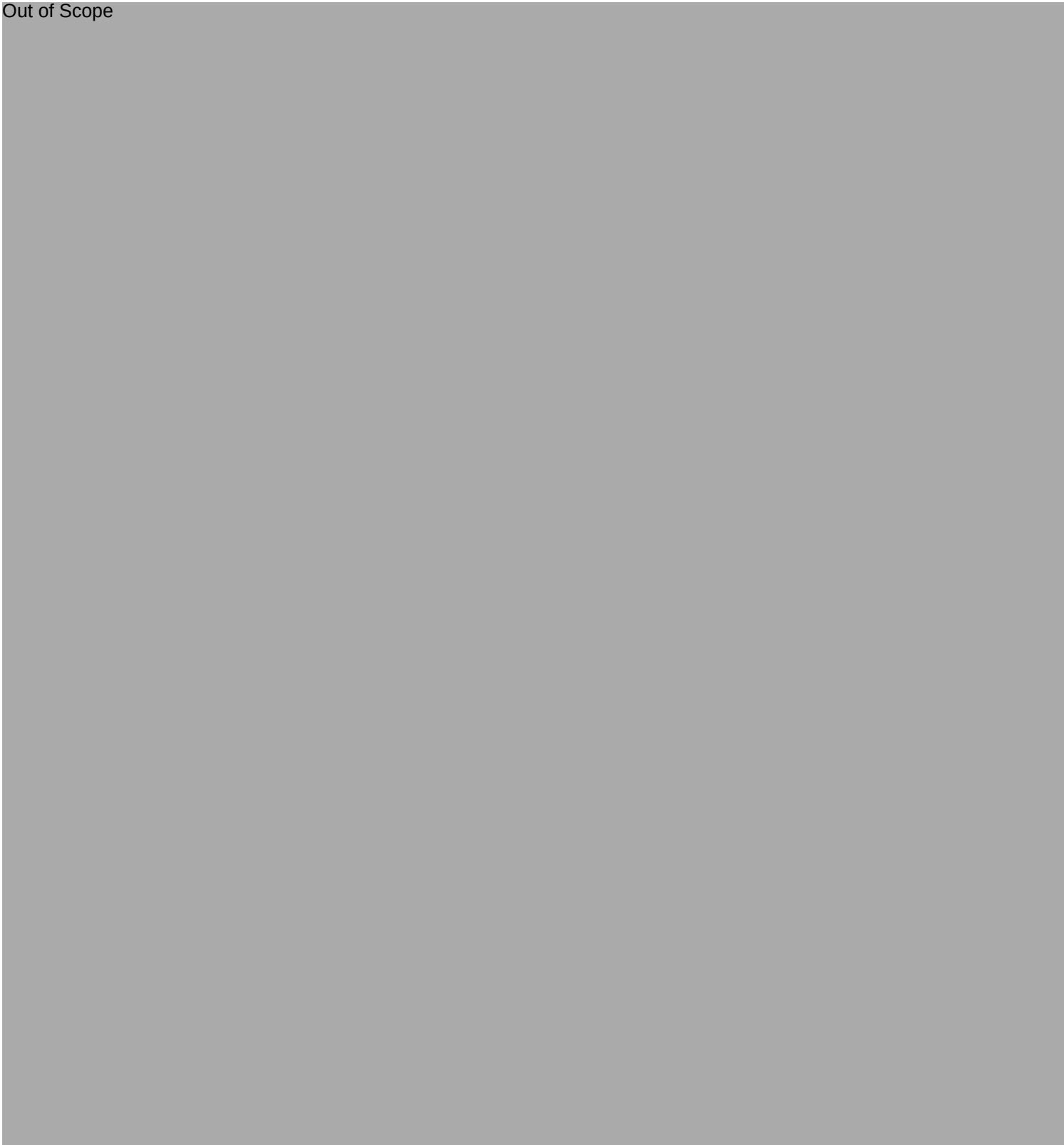
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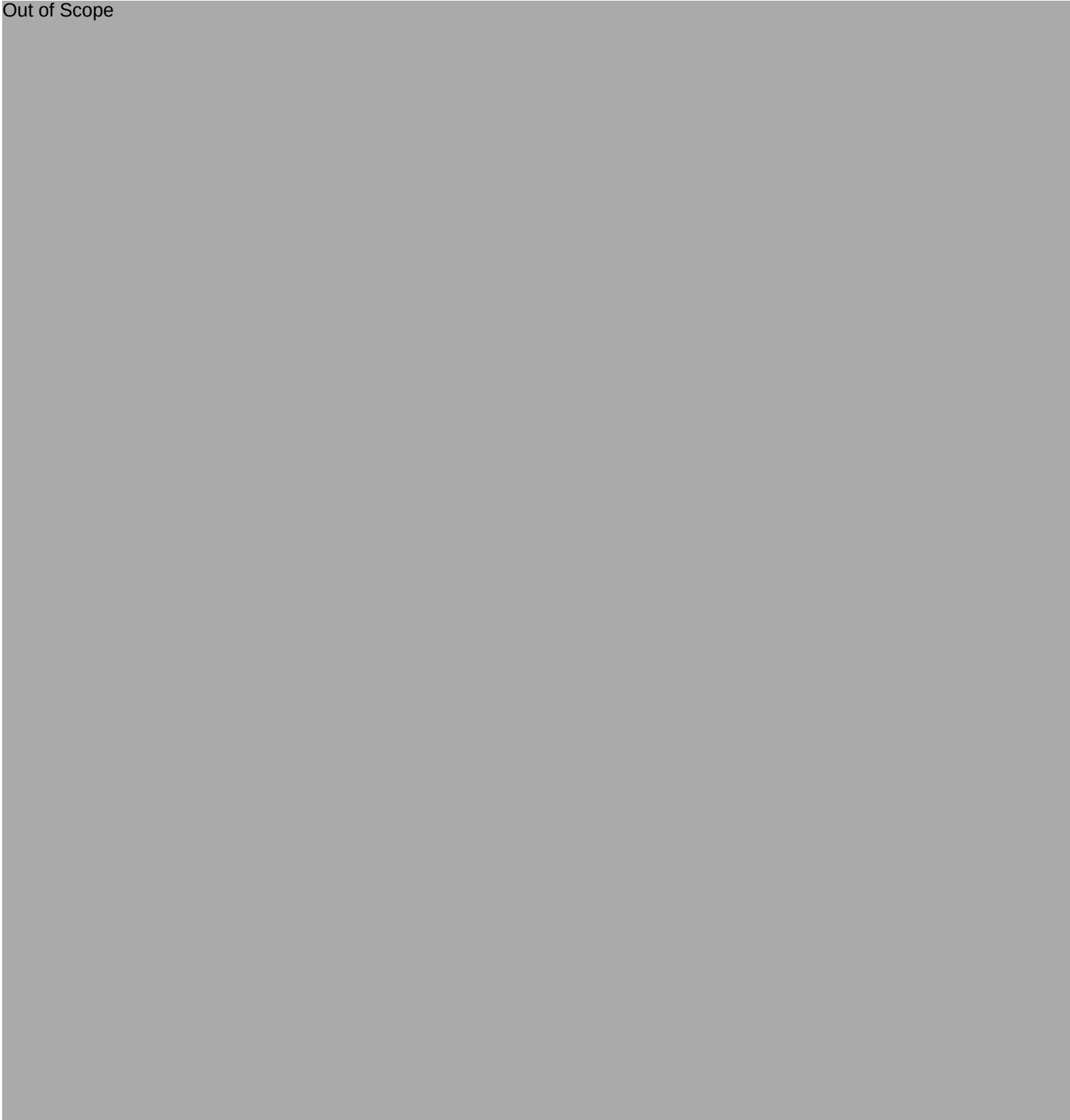
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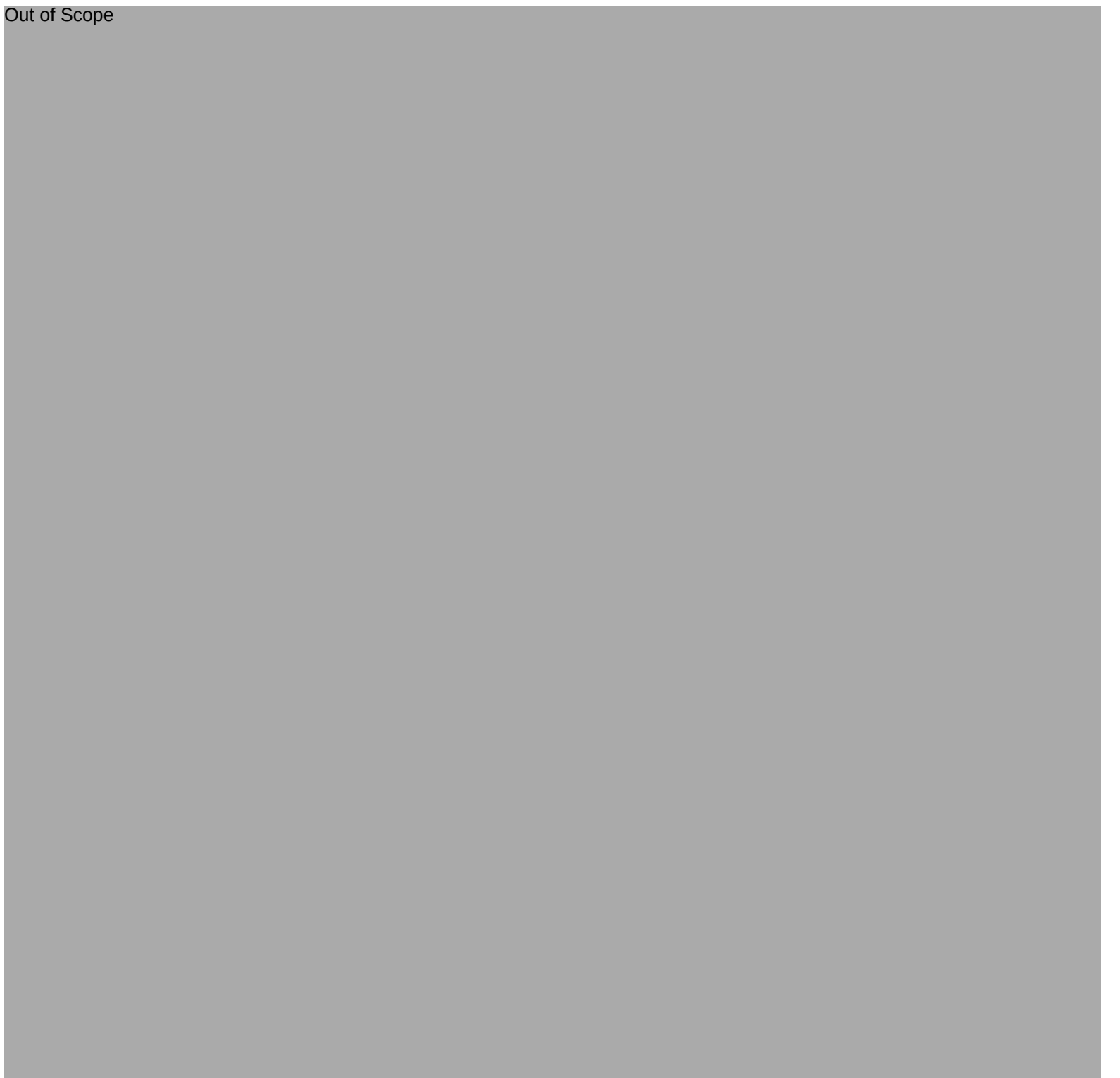
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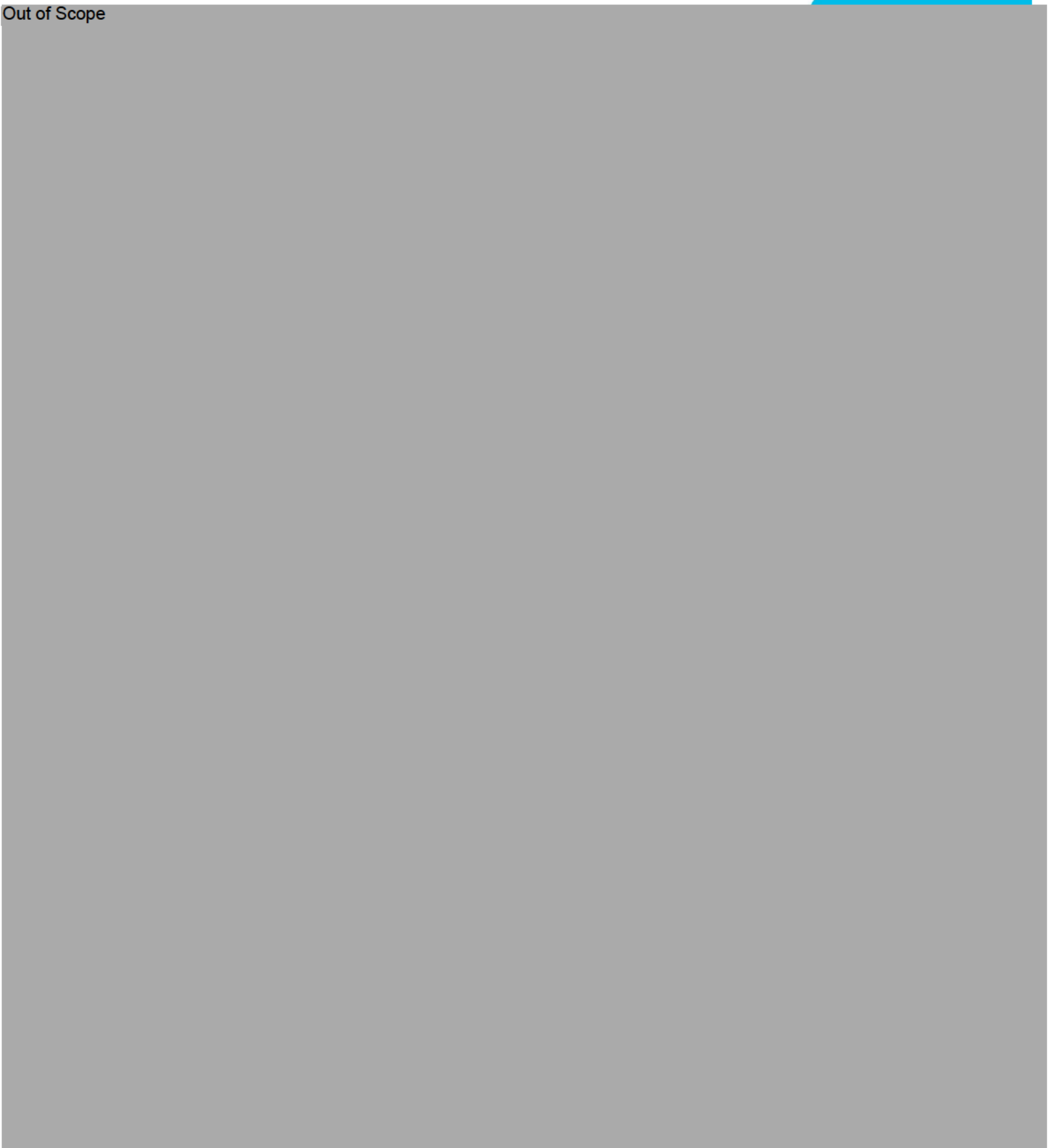


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Key Timeliness Measures

Data as of: Saturday, 22 June 2024

Period covered	
This week	16/06/2024 to 22/06/2024
Last week	09/06/2024 to 15/06/2024

Weekly Updates

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Monthly Timeliness

May 2024

This month

May 2024

Last month

April 2024

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For the period from 11 July to 17 July 2024

Date:	17 July 2024	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2425-0062

	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Erica Stanford Minister of Immigration	Discuss at the next immigration officials' meeting	N/A
Hon Chris Penk Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A
Hon Casey Costello Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A

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2. IMMIGRATION POLICY UPDATES

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3. IMMIGRATION OPERATIONAL UPDATES

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As of 8 July 2024, 96 per cent of Priority One¹, Priority Two² and Priority Three³ combined test cases have been run by MBIE (up four per cent from the last report). Priority One test cases are now 100 per cent complete. Resolution of system defects by the lead vendor has improved over the past release cycle with 17 defects resolved and two security issues fixed. 13 of the resolved defects included severity two defects from the prioritised list, which are required for go-live. There are three more releases before a code freeze starts on 15 August 2024. All prioritised defects need to be resolved by then and a go/no-go decision will be made at that point. The project team continues to work with the business to identify and document temporary system workarounds to understand which newly found defects belong on the prioritised list.

Business Acceptance testing started on 15 July 2024, concurrent with running the remaining test scripts, and will be conducted in the SIT environment as the UAT environment will not be available. Performance testing is delayed until the UAT environment is ready. The project is working closely with vendors to understand when the UAT environment may be available. Performance and Business Acceptance Testing (BAT) tasks can be run in parallel to reduce the impact on the project. The approach of running different activities concurrently helps to mitigate delays but adds some inherent risk. The project continues to raise risks to Governance as they arise, including any mitigations and escalations required.

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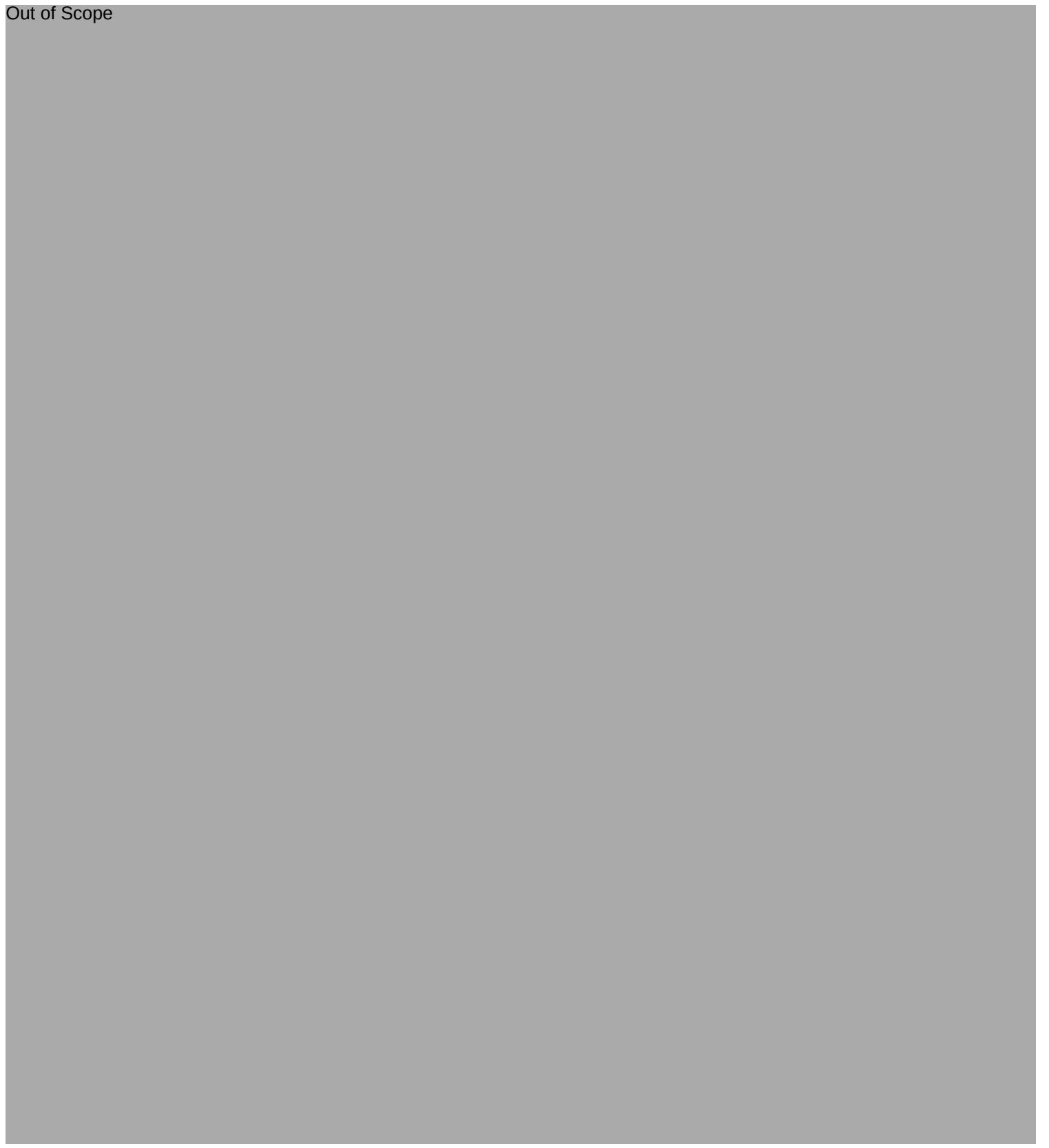
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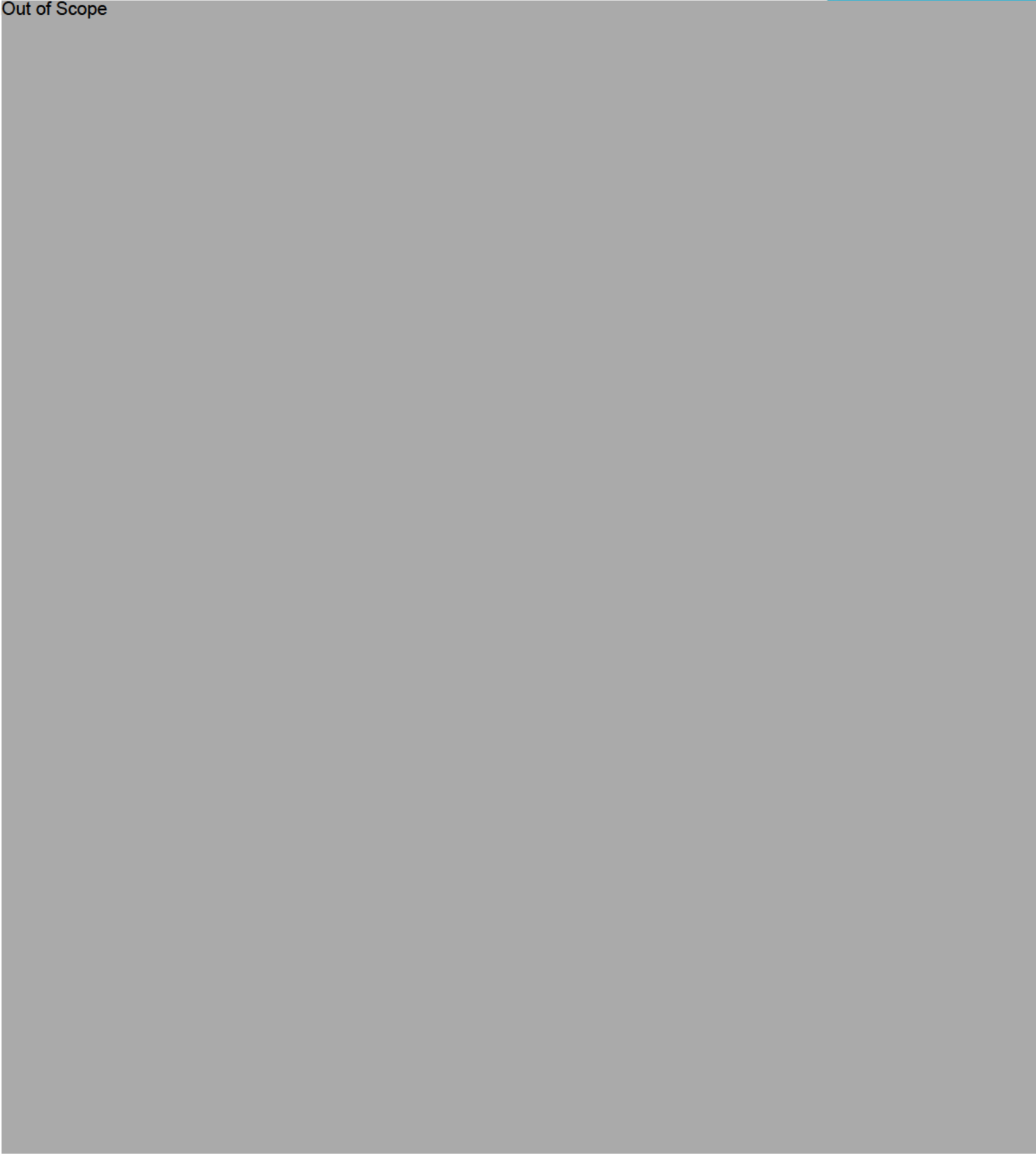


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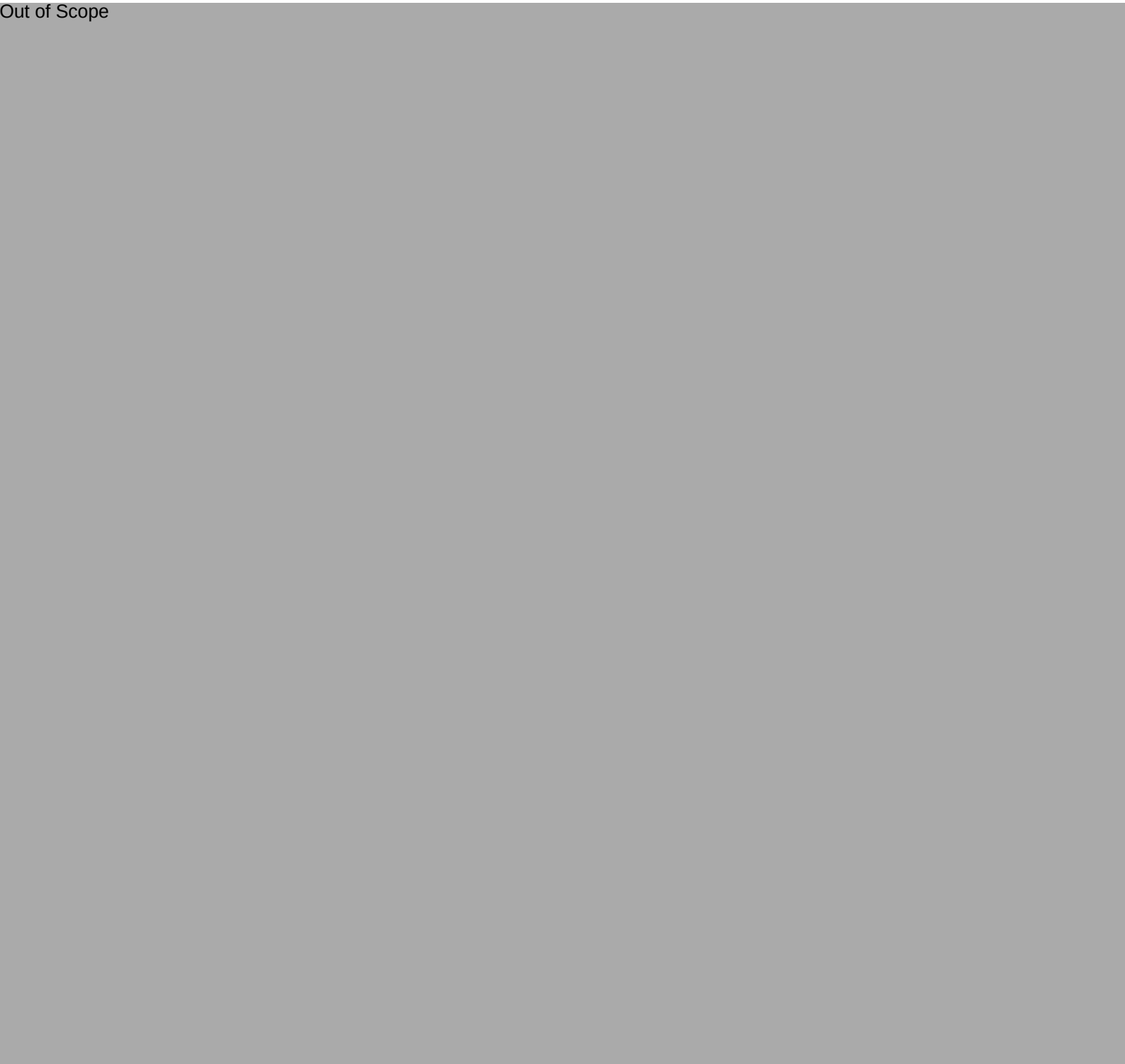
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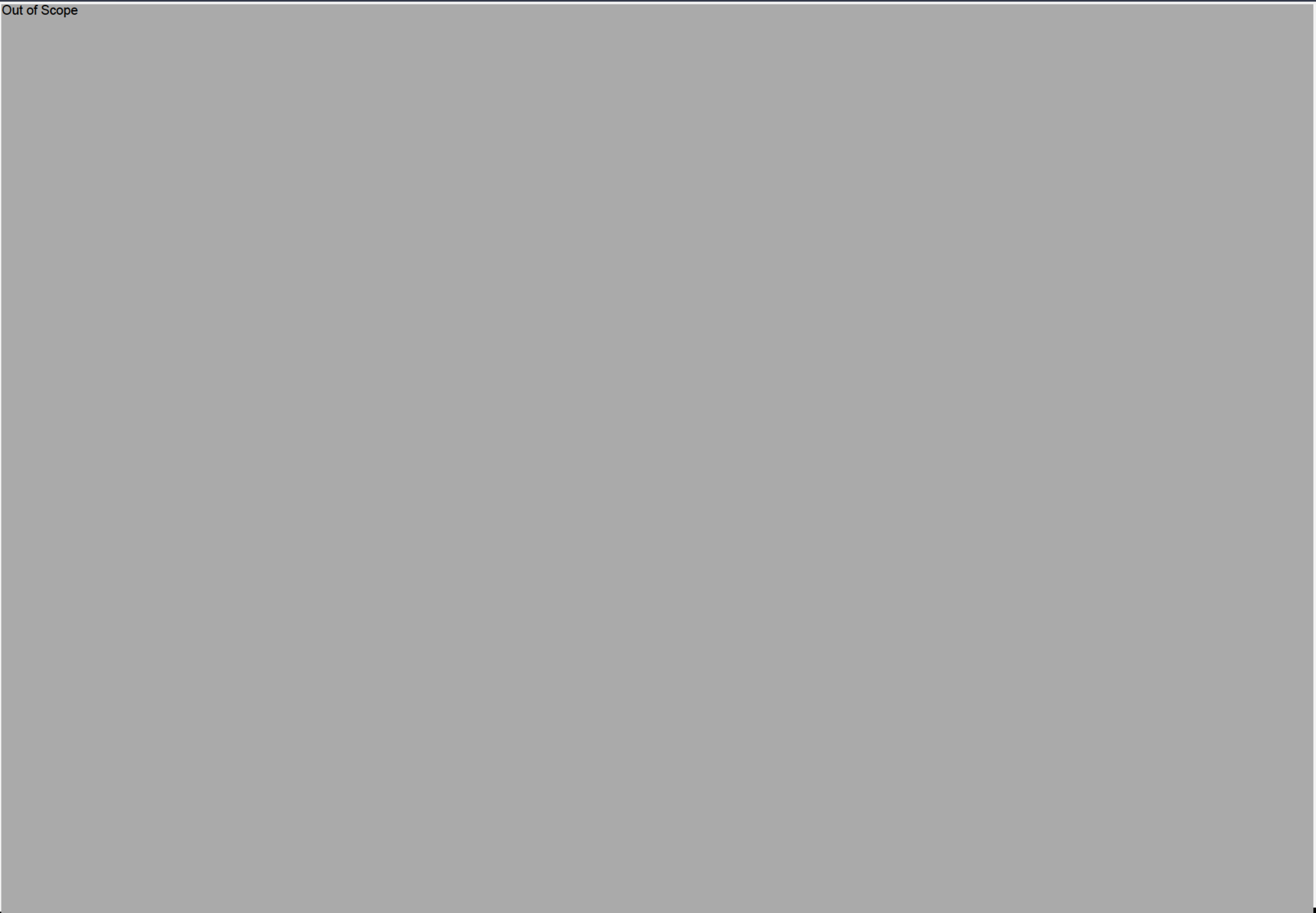


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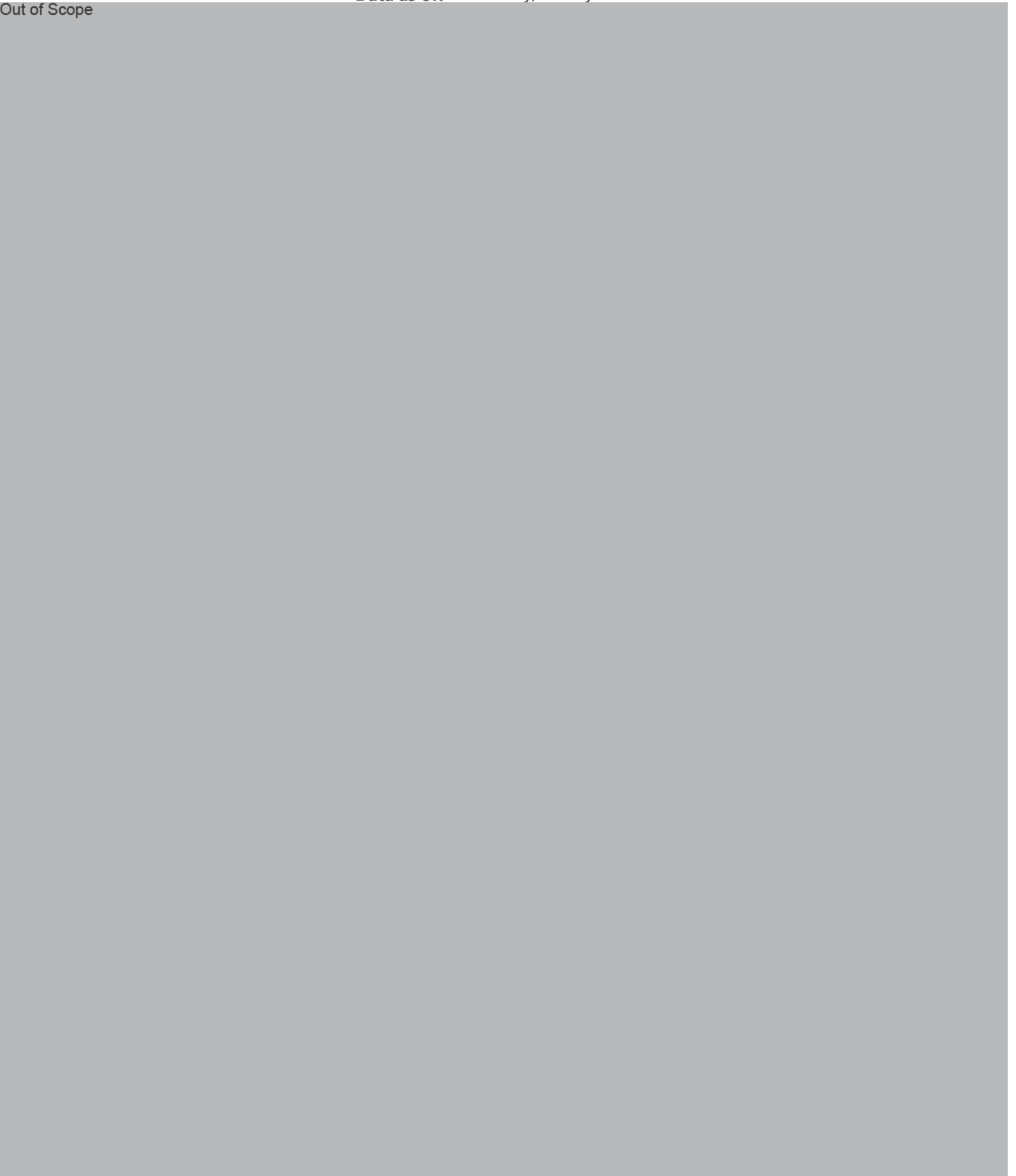
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Key Timeliness Measures

Data as of: Sunday, 14 July 2024

Period covered	
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Last week	30/06/2024 to 06/07/2024



The monthly statistics and insights are updated once a month on the second reporting week of each month. The next update will be in the week starting on Monday the 12th of August.

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For the period from 10 October to 16 October 2024

Date:	16 October 2024	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2425-0075

	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Erica Stanford Minister of Immigration	Discuss at the next immigration officials' meeting	N/A
Hon Chris Penk Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A
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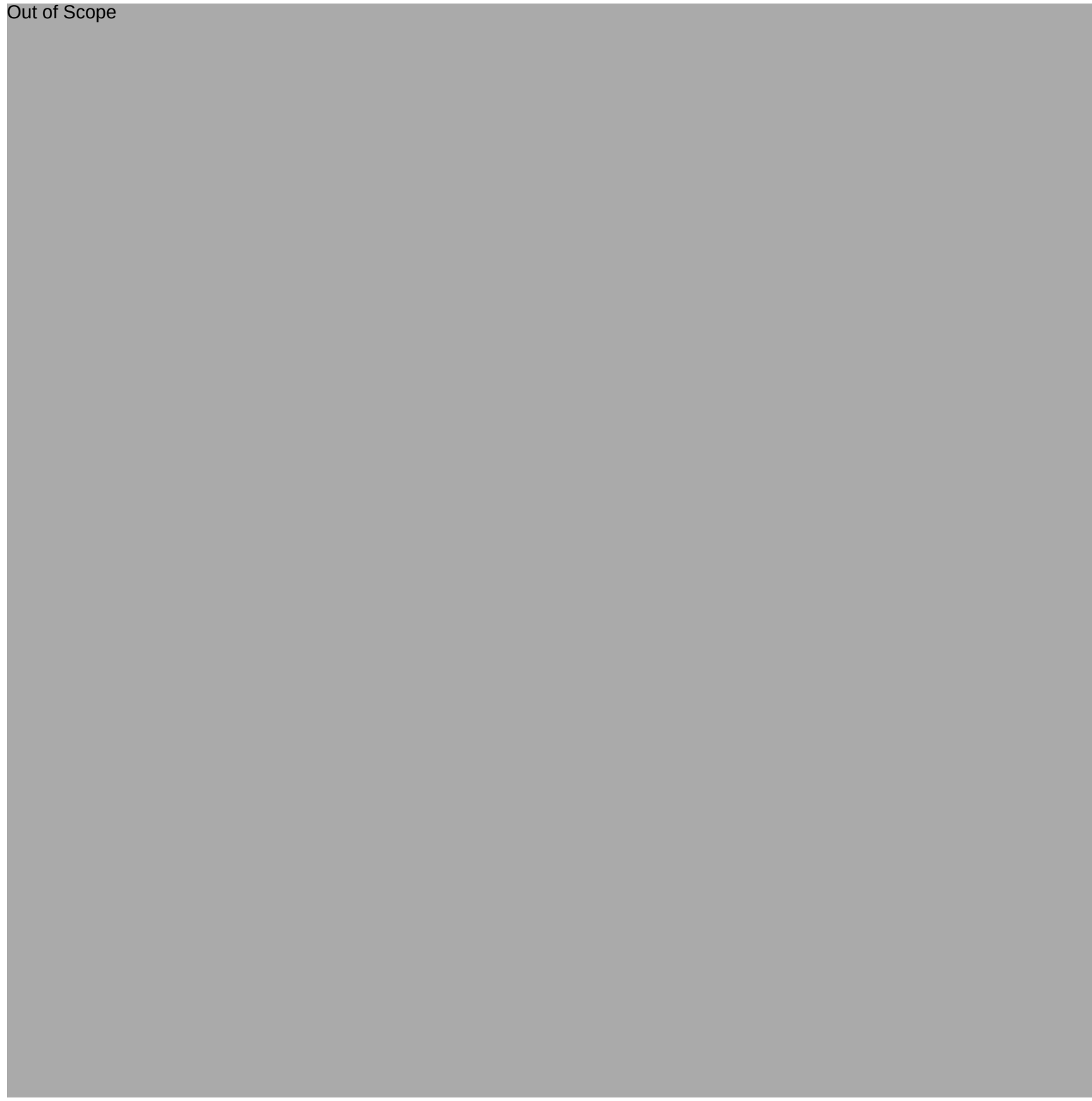
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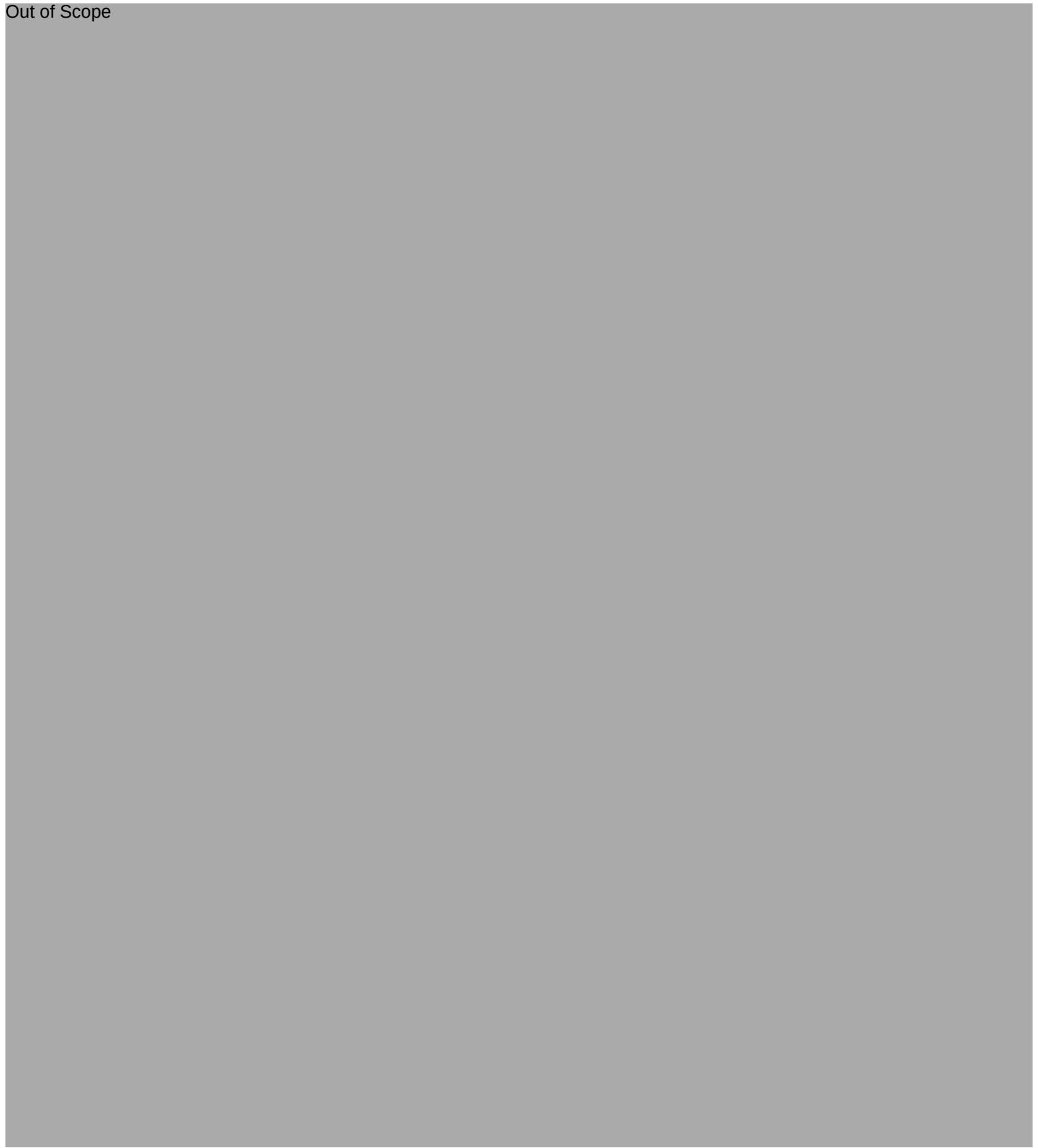
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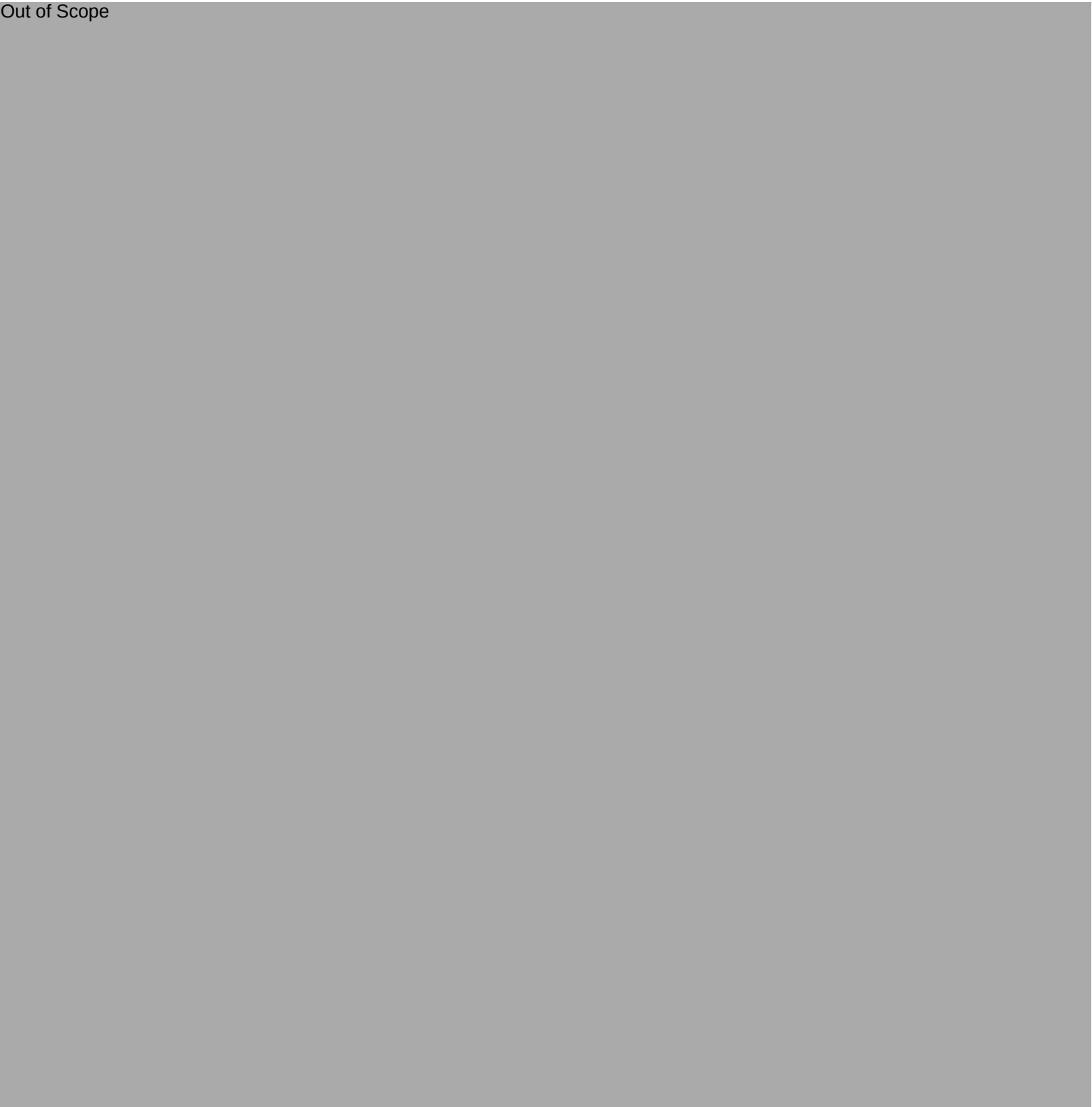
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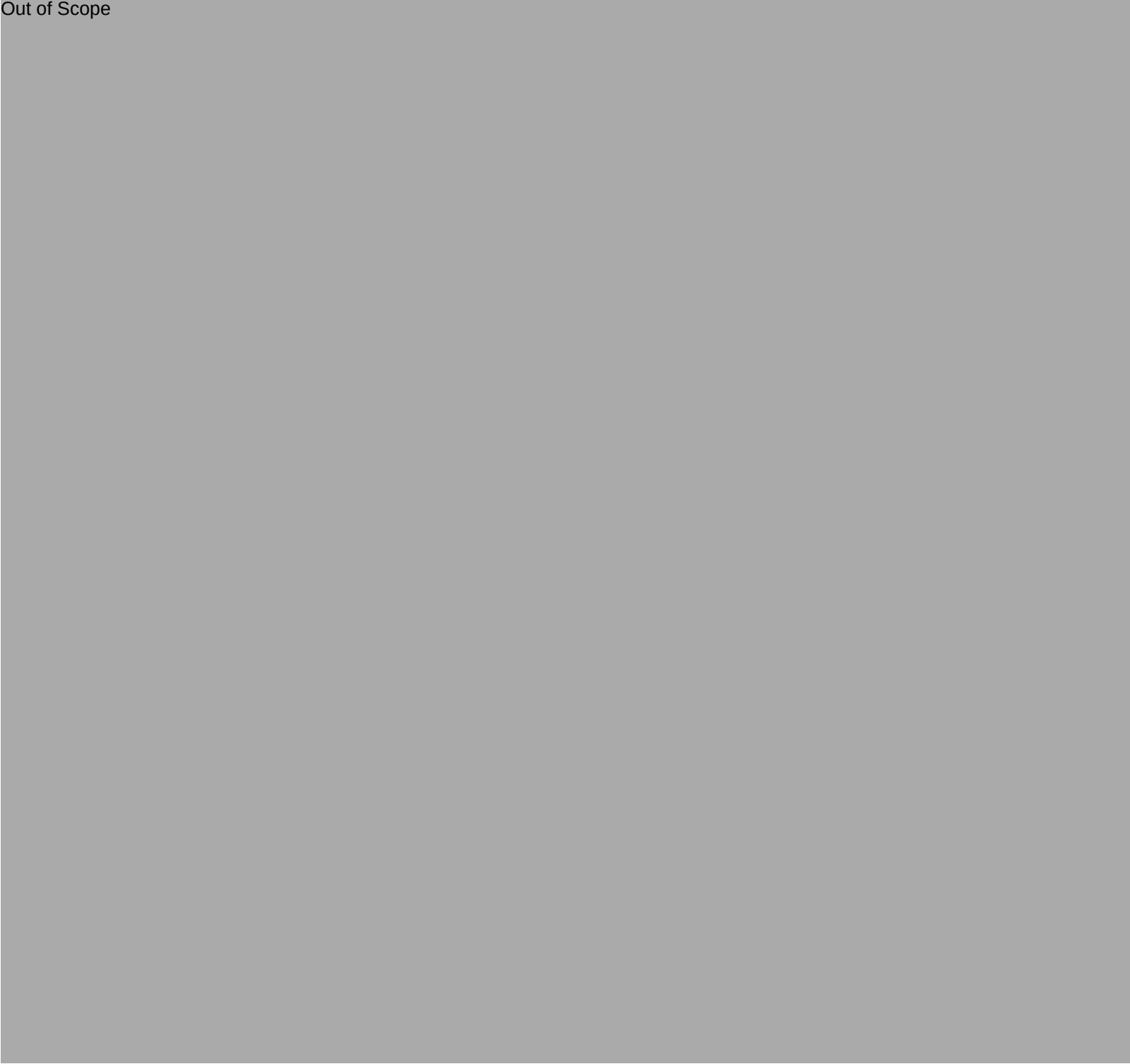


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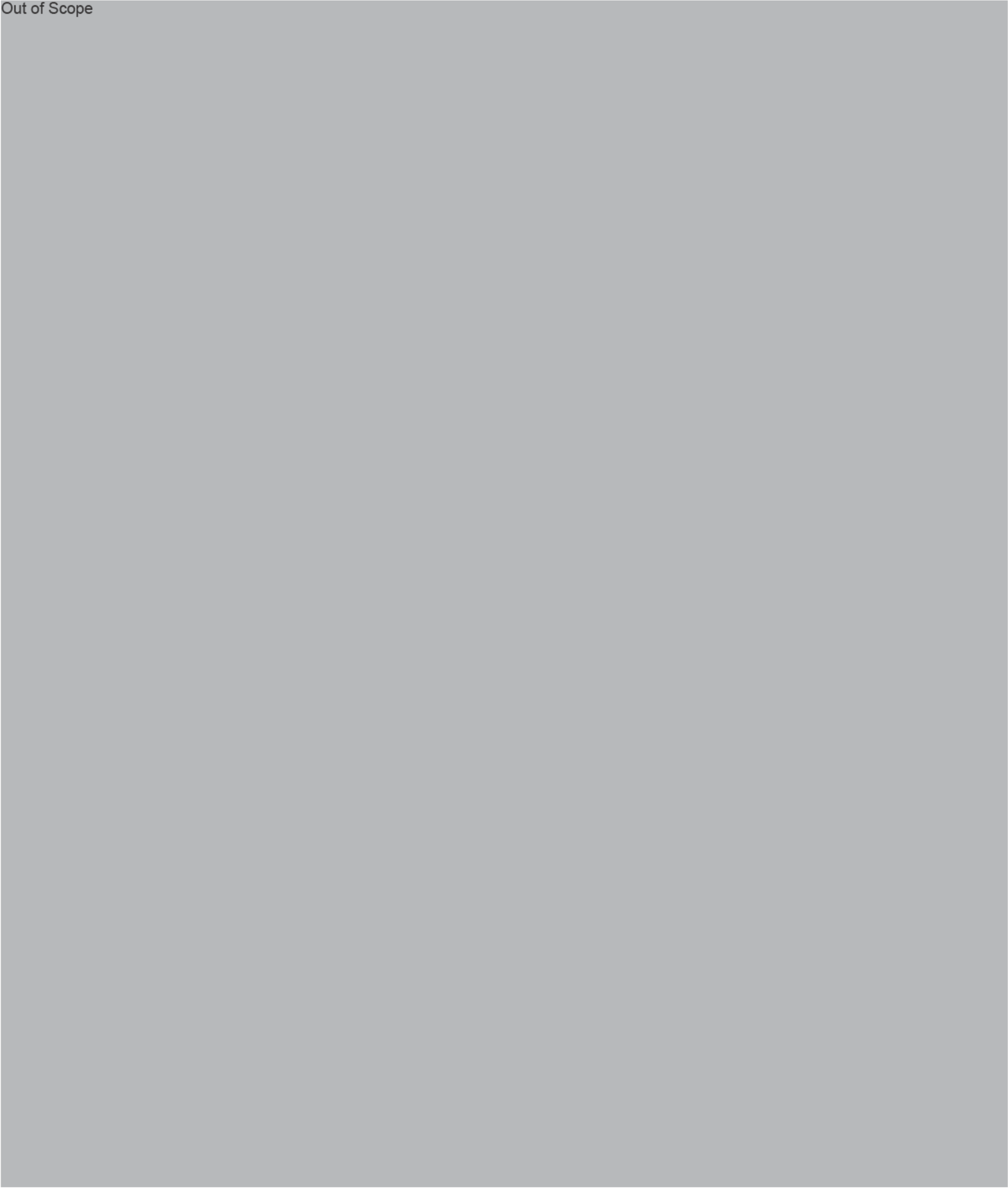
Key Timeliness Measures

Monday, 14 October 2024

Period covered	
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Last week	29/09/2024 to 05/10/2024

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Monthly Timeliness

September 2024

This month

Last month

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August 2024

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Accredited Employer & Job Check Timeliness (Working Days) **September 2024**

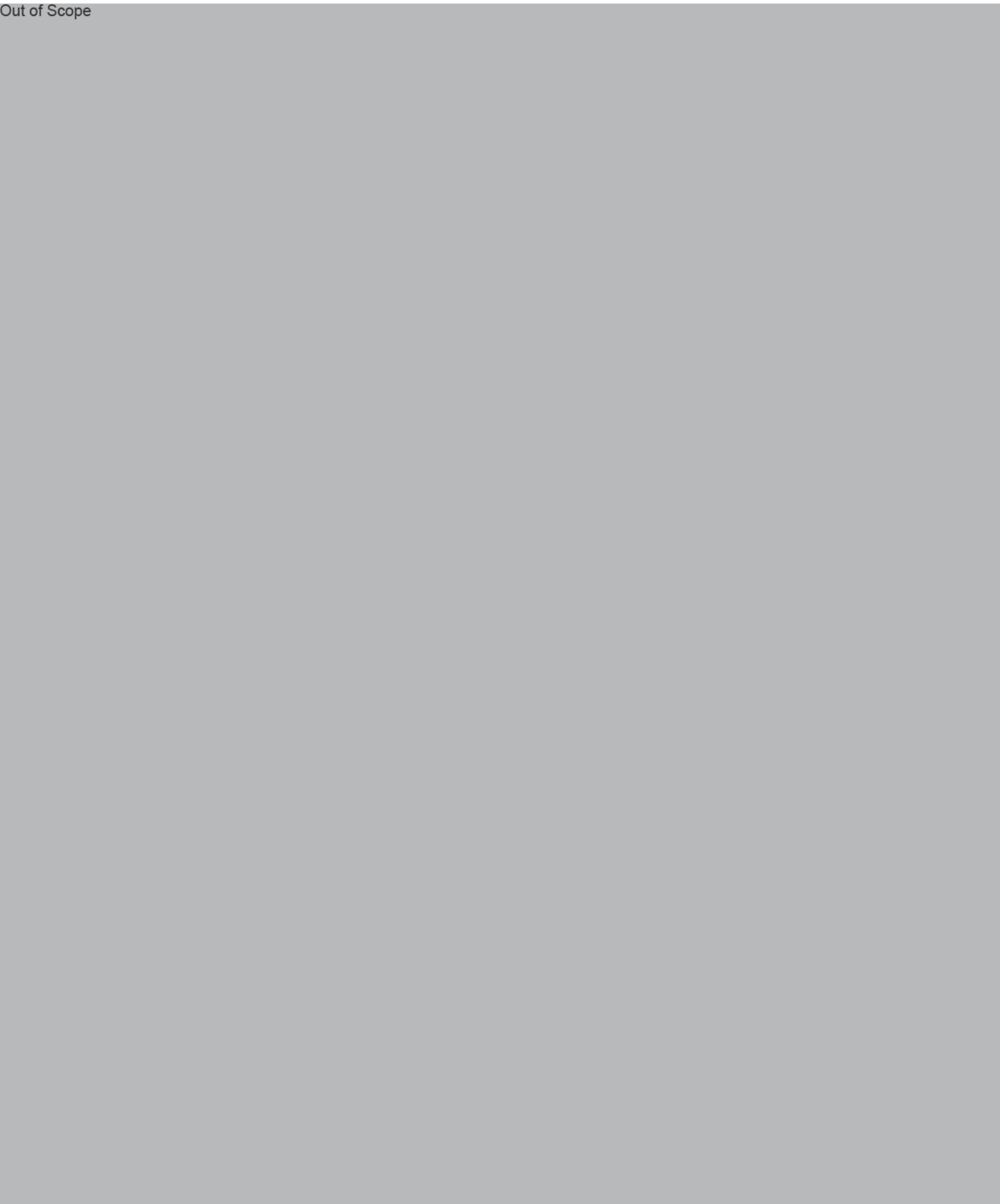
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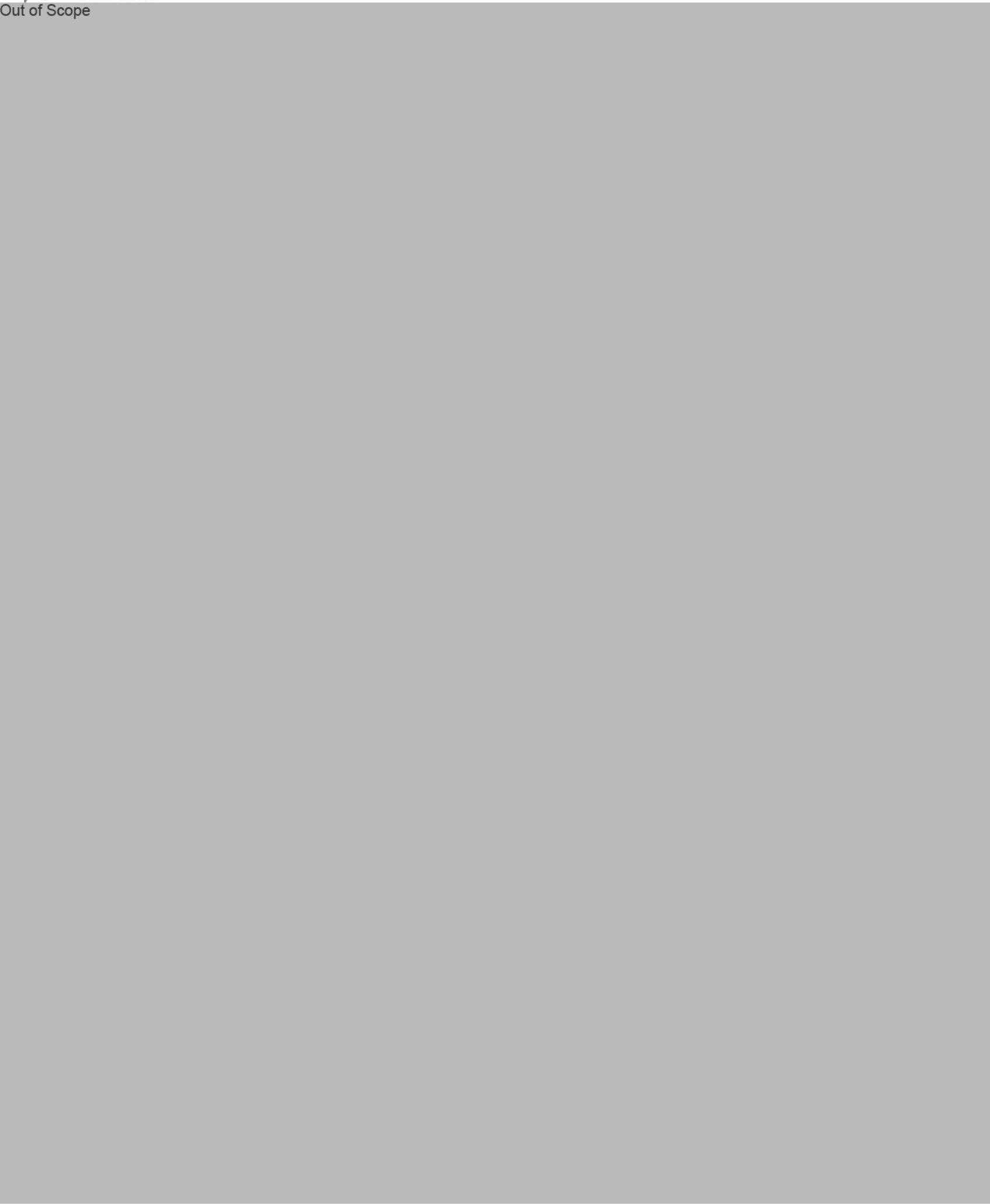
AEWV Timeliness

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Accredited Employer stages - trends over time

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Residence - trends over time

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For the period from 16 to 22 January 2025

Date:	22 January 2025	Priority:	Medium
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Hon Erica Stanford Minister of Immigration	Discuss at the next immigration officials' meeting	N/A
Hon Chris Penk Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A
Hon Casey Costello Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A

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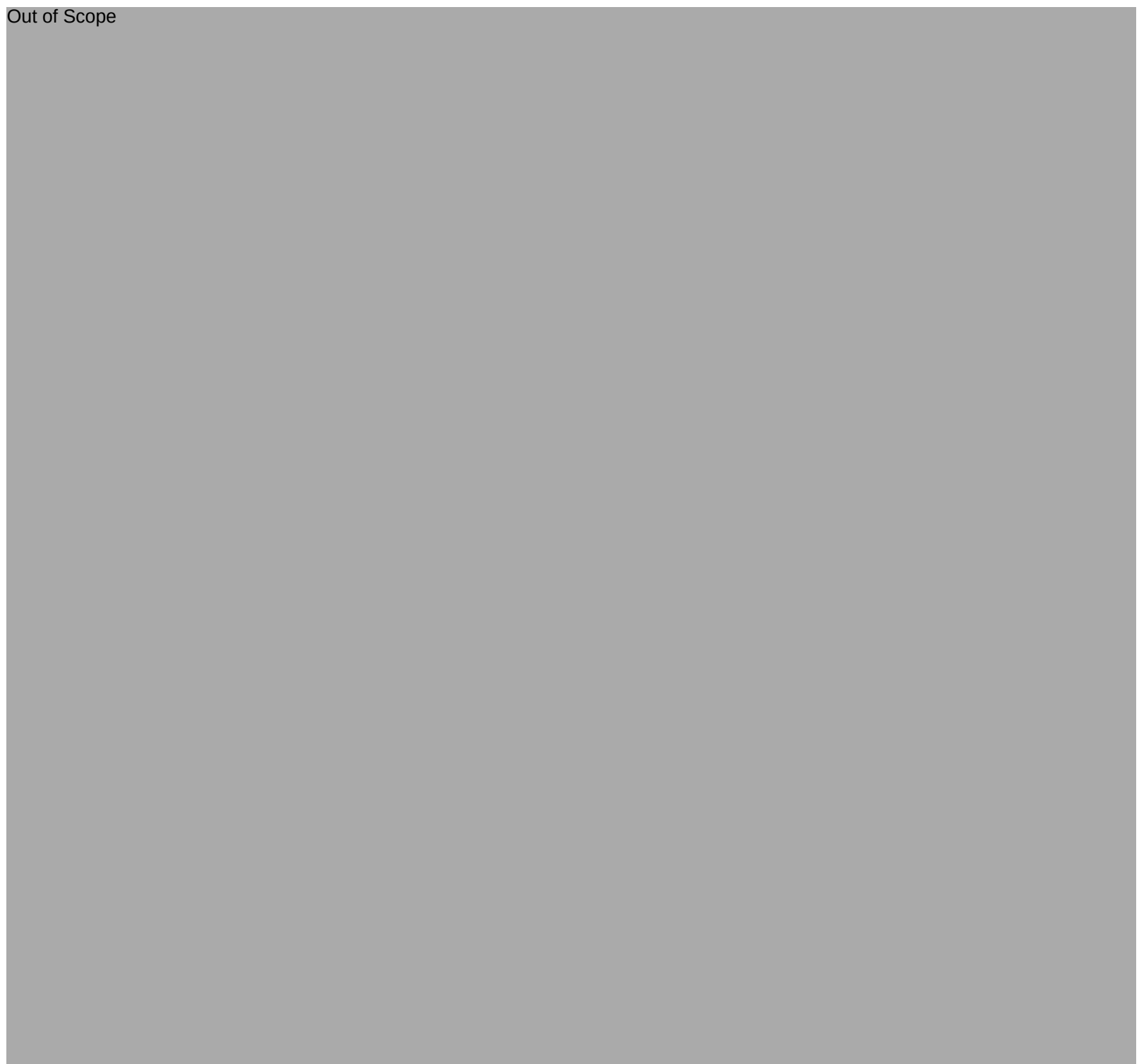
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3. IMMIGRATION OPERATIONAL UPDATES

3.1 Biometric Capability Update project

Completion of the essential 'must have' defects, including testing, is on track for early 2025, after which a formal announcement of the Go-Live date will be made.

The Lead Vendor made progress over the holiday period, with a release delivered on 16 January 2025 and a potential final release at the end of January. This will allow Performance, Regression (final re-testing), and User Acceptance testing to be targeted for completion during February 2025.

Commercial negotiations are continuing with the lead vendor. A face-to-face meeting was conducted in Auckland on 10 January 2025, attended by MBIE and Lead Vendor executives.

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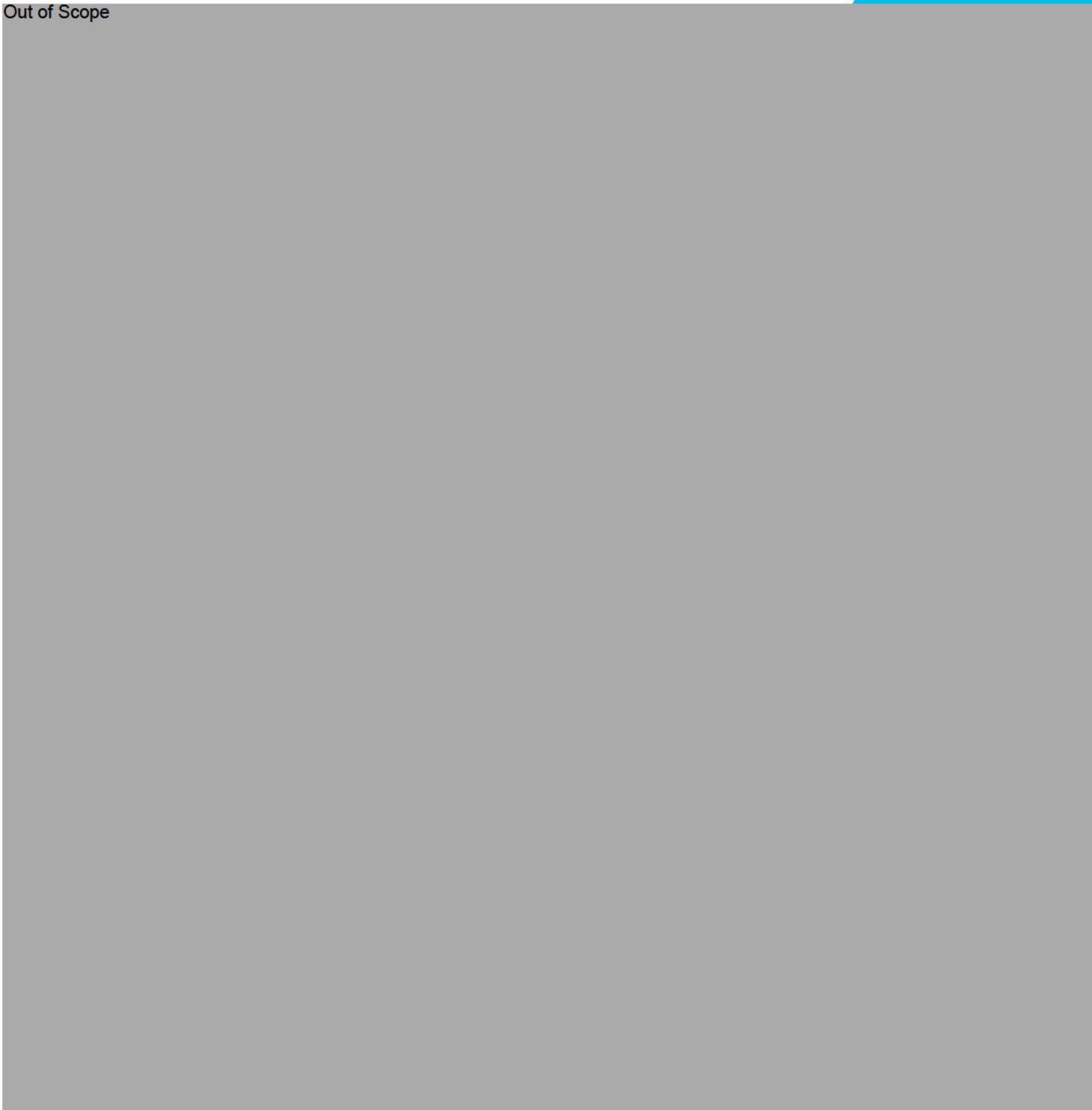
¹ i.e. not only those who support New Zealand agencies



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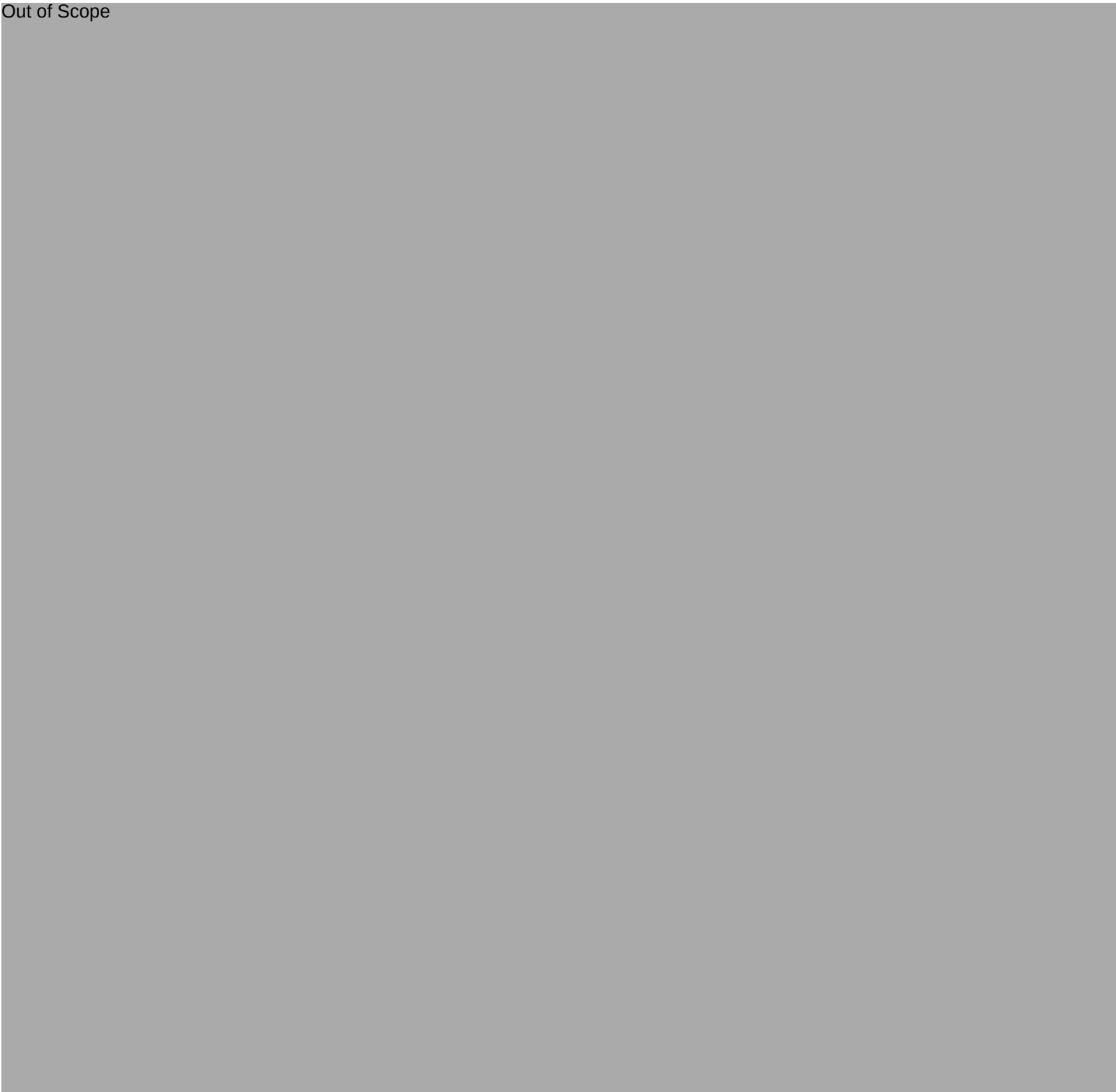


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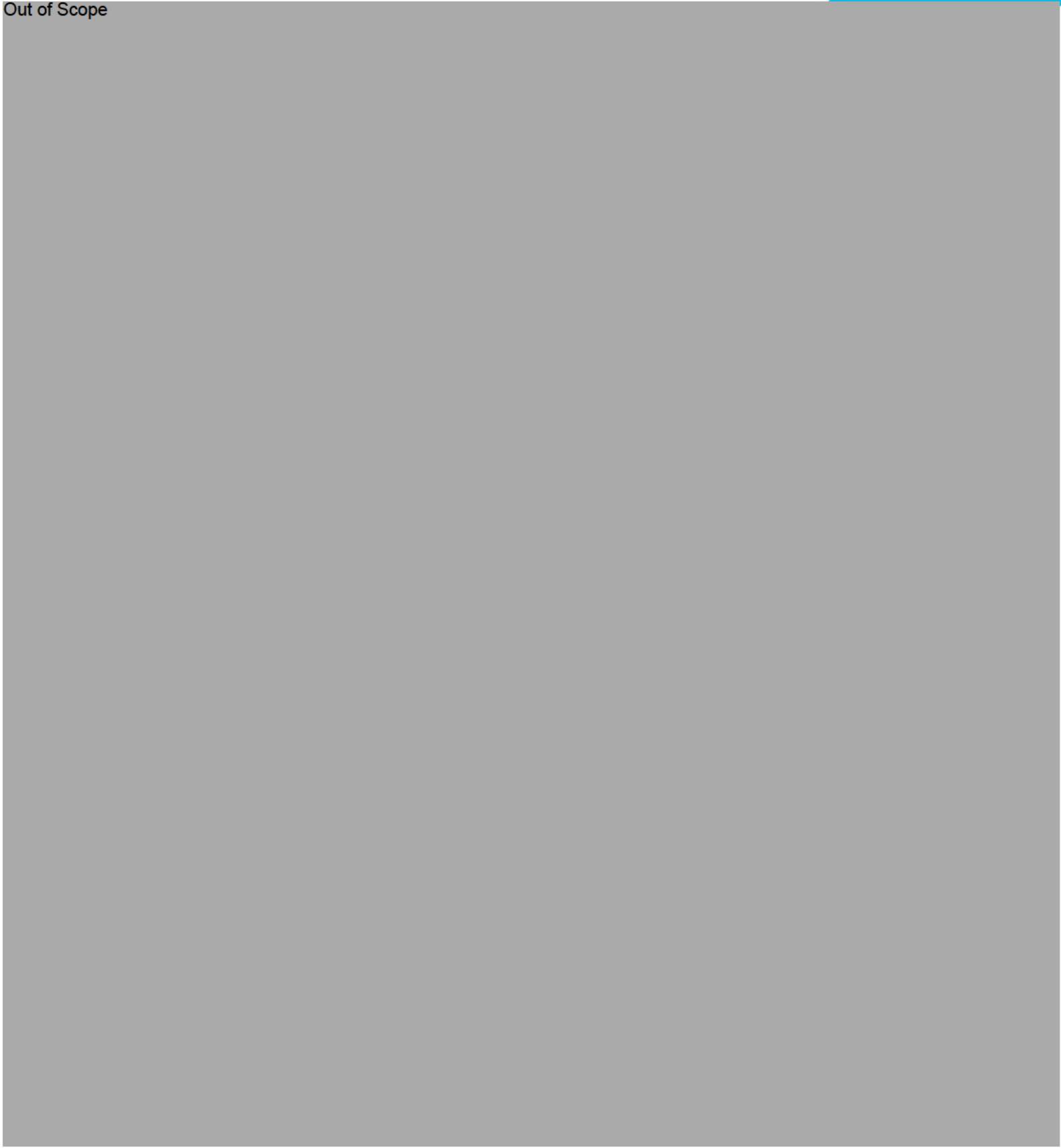
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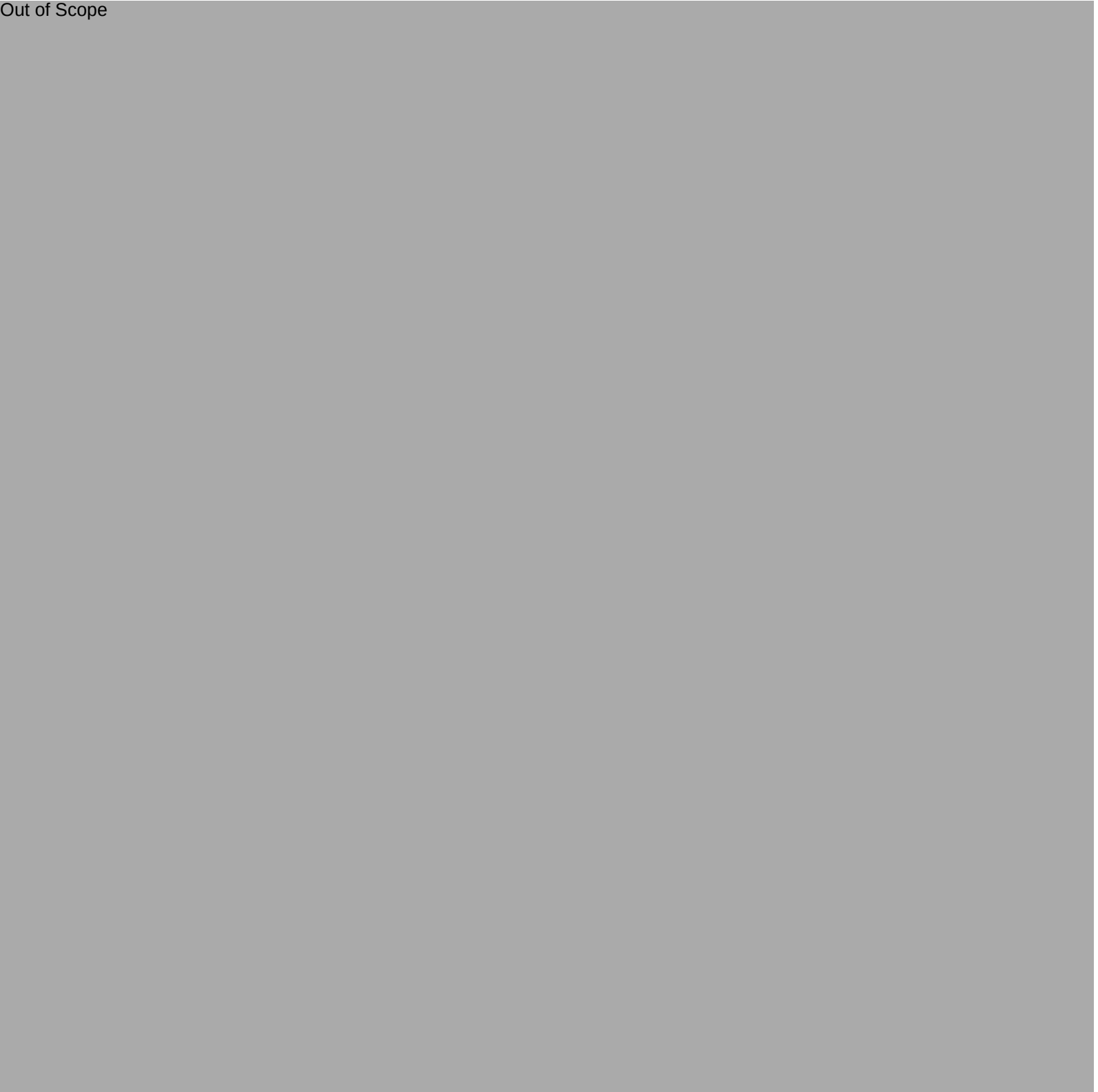


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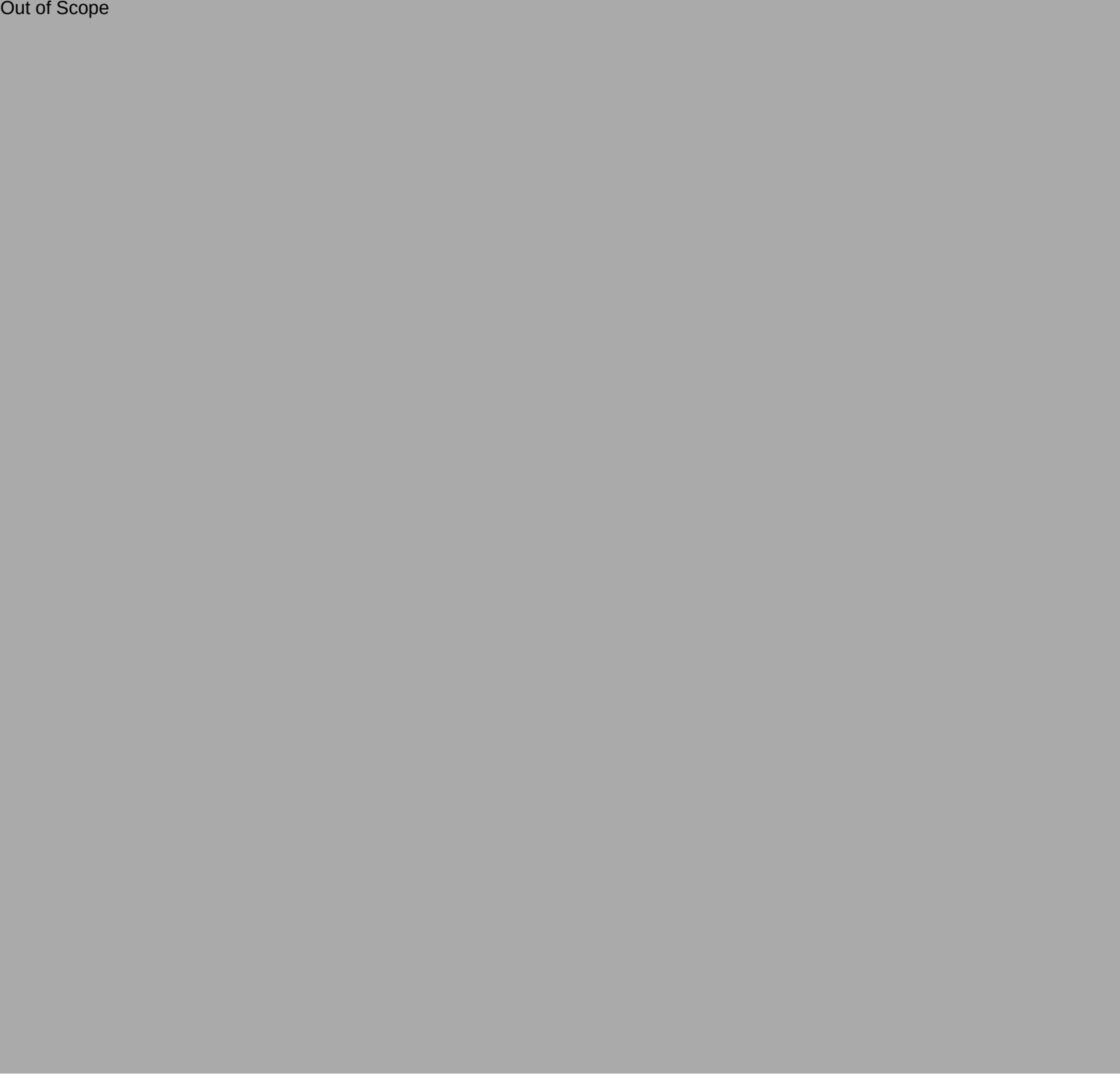
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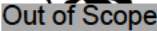
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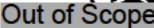
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Key Timeliness Measures

Period covered	
This week	12/01/2025 to 18/01/2025
Last week	05/01/2025 to 11/01/2025

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Monthly Timeliness

December 2024

This month	Last month
December 2024	November 2024

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Accredited Employer & Job Check Timeliness (Working Days) **December 2024**

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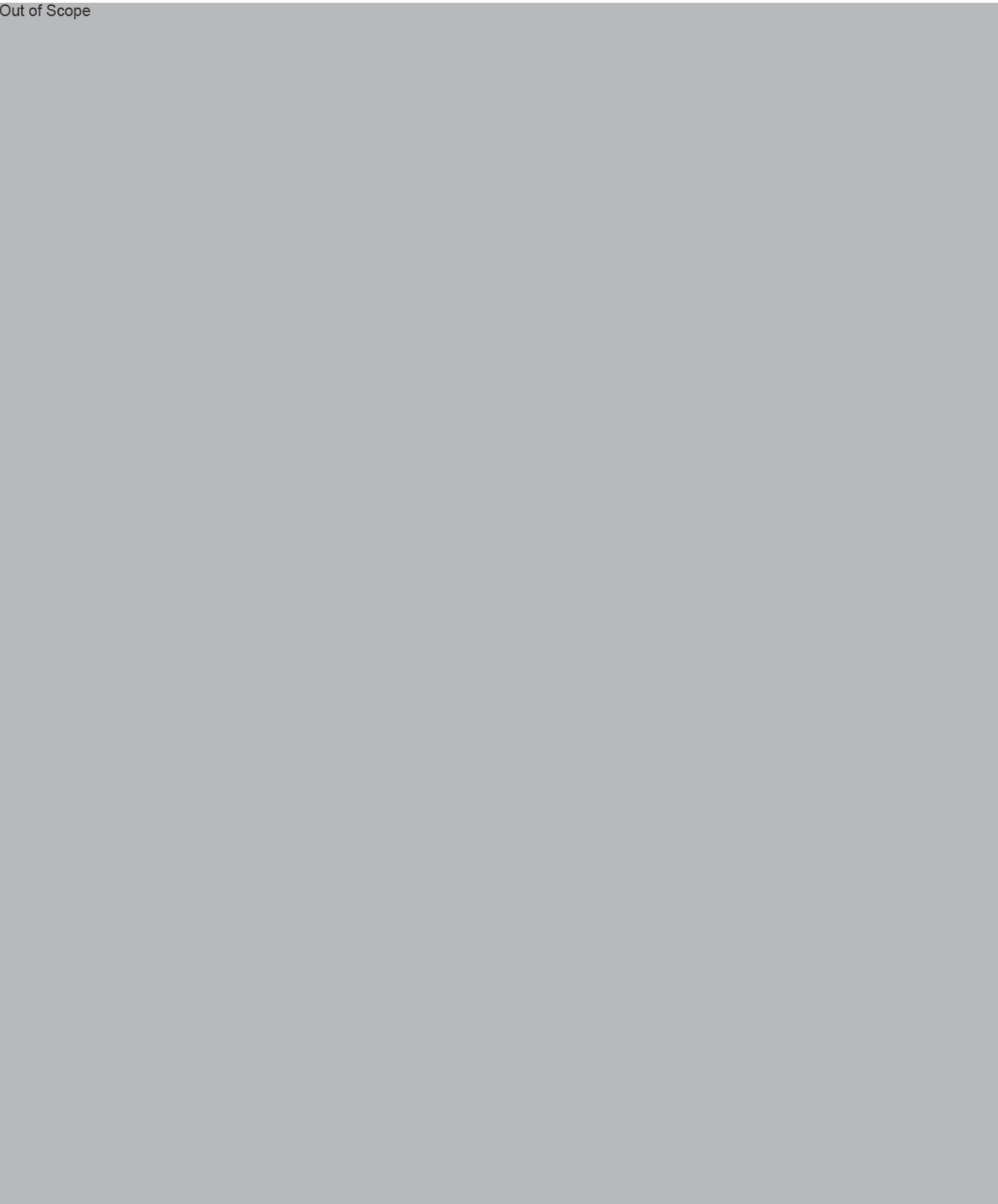
AEWV Timeliness

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Residence - trends over time

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Weekly Report to the Minister of Immigration and Associate Ministers of Immigration

For the period from 27 February to 5 March 2025

Date:	5 March 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2425-0090

	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Erica Stanford Minister of Immigration	Discuss at the next immigration officials' meeting	N/A
Hon Chris Penk Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A
Hon Casey Costello Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A

Name	Position	Telephone
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Alison McDonald	Deputy Secretary Immigration	
Nic Blakeley	Deputy Secretary, Labour, Science and Enterprise	
Suzanne Stew	Deputy Secretary, Te Whakatairanga Service Delivery	

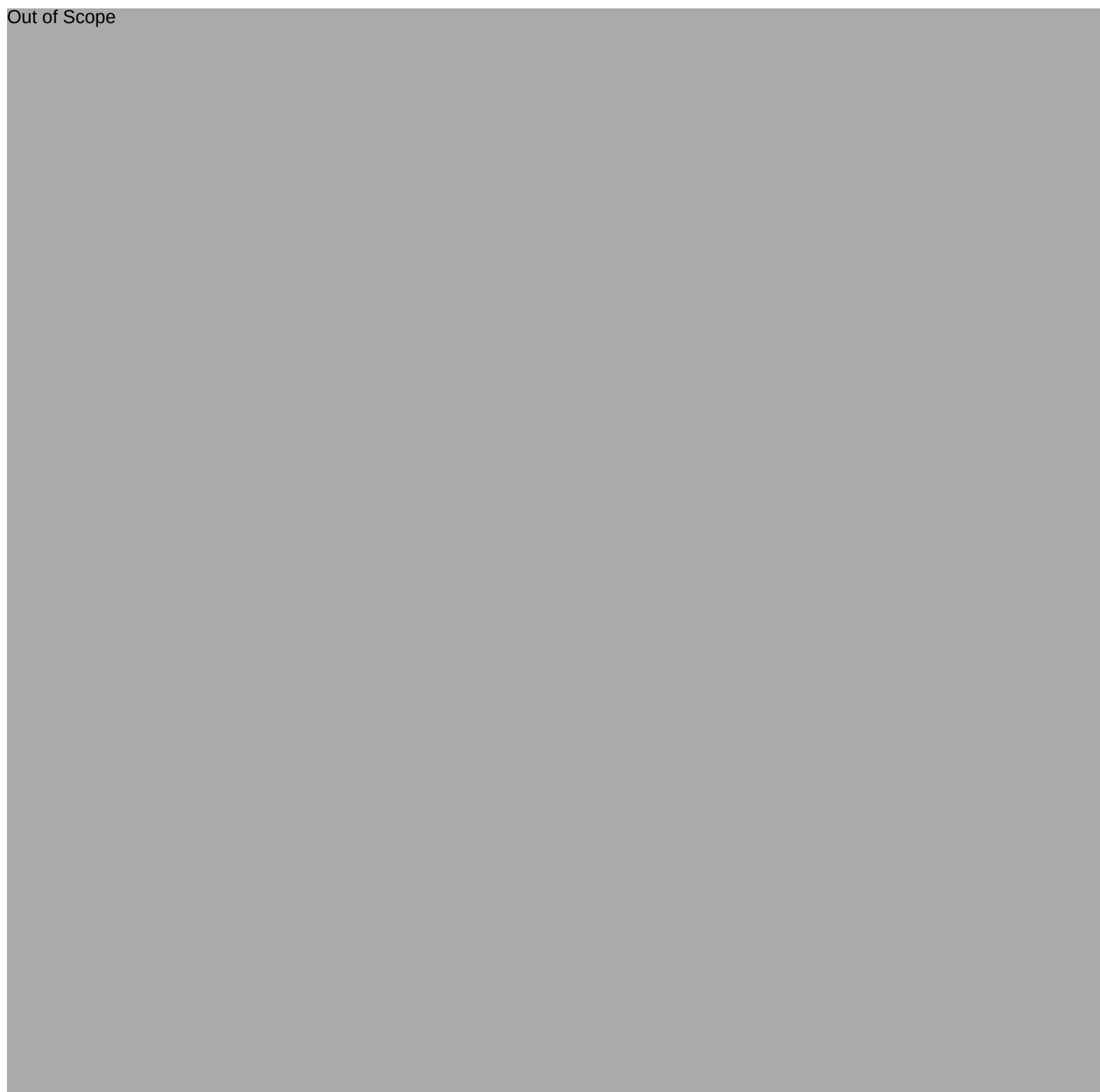
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3.2 Biometric Capability Update project

Commercial negotiations continue with the lead vendor. MBIE has received feedback from the vendor on the most recent version of the Master Services Agreement, and a mid-March completion is still expected. MBIE has provided the BCU Support Statement of Work to the lead vendor for feedback.

Whilst remaining priority defects are reducing, the resolution rate is not at the cadence required. A software release was received on 27 February, with further releases on 6 and 13 March 2025. Subject to successful testing, this should result in an end of May / early June 2025 project go live timeframe.

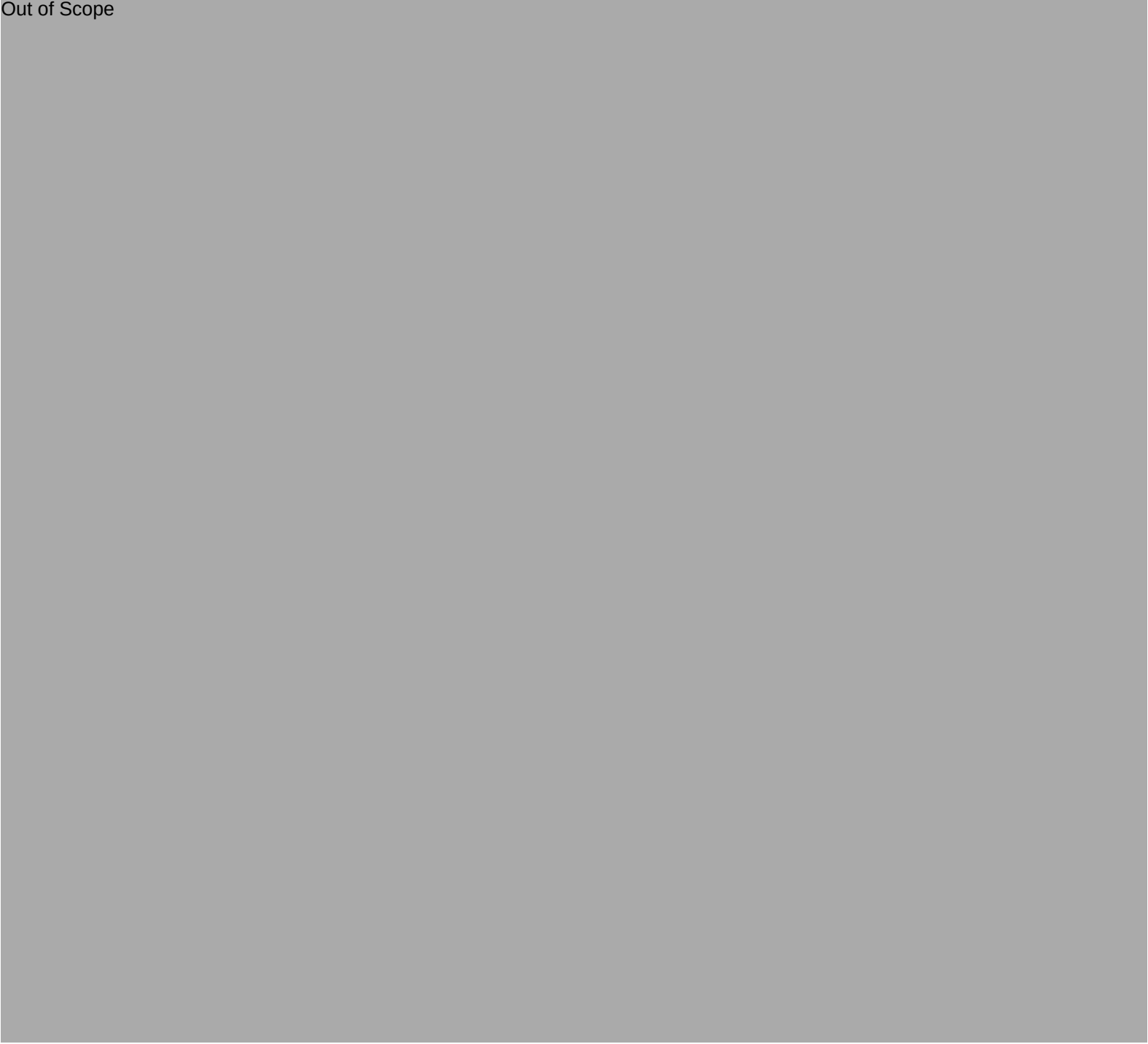
MBIE Executive focus remains high to resolve commercial issues and defect resolution progress, with a further meeting of Australian and American executives from the lead vendor scheduled for 6 March 2025.



Preparations for project go live, including code deployment, data migration, business readiness, and transition to go live and subsequent support, continues.

Richard Owen
General Manager
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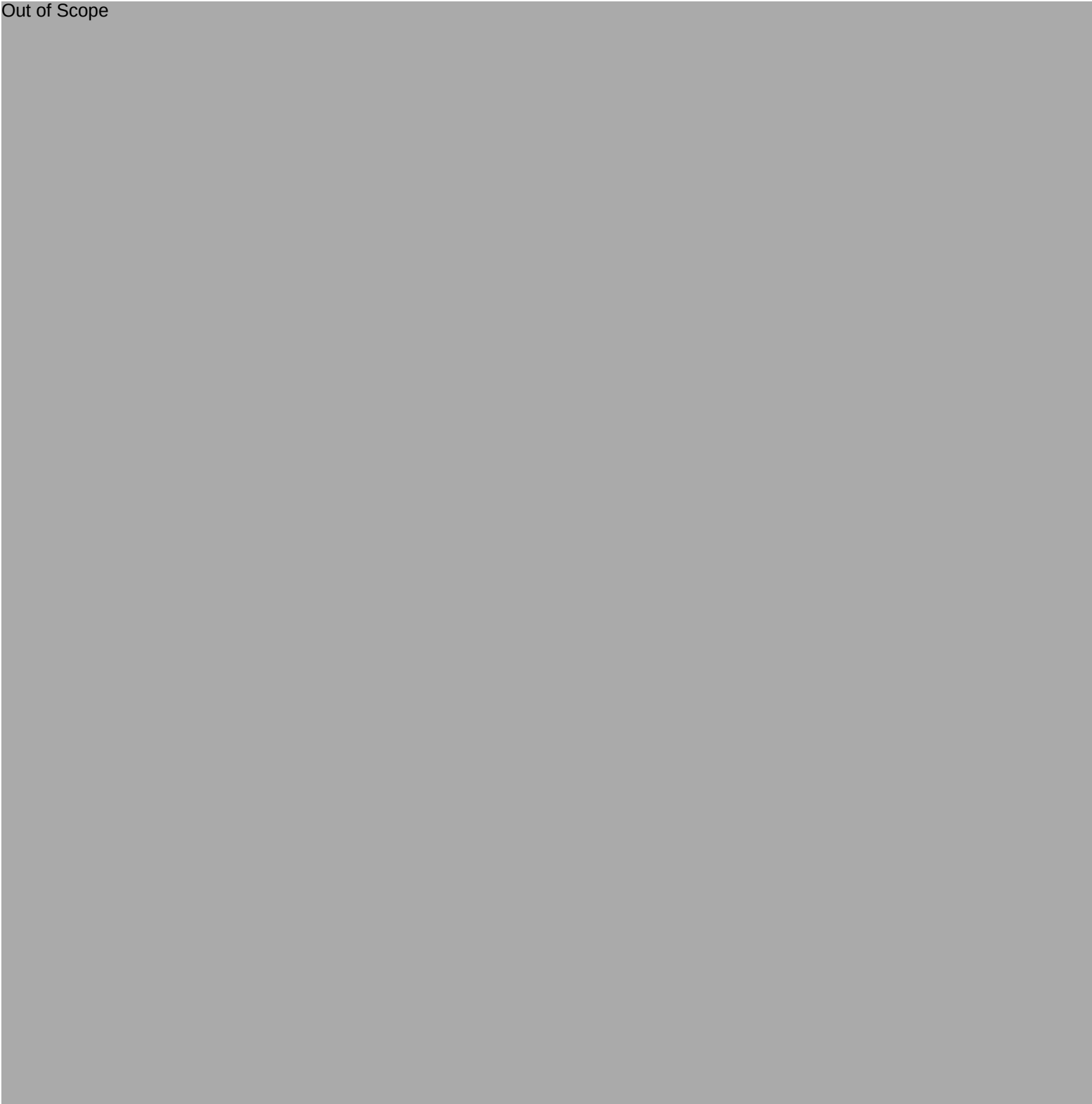
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4.2 Upcoming Events/Meetings

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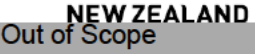


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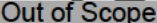
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January/February Target: total in-progress volume 610 (EA), 700 (JC), 1700 (WV), 300 (MCS)

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Key Timeliness Measures

Data as of: Sunday, 2 March 2025

Period covered	
This week	23/02/2025 to 01/03/2025
Last week	16/02/2025 to 22/02/2025

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Monthly Timeliness

January 2025

This month	Last month
January 2025	December 2024

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Accredited Employer & Job Check Timeliness (Working Days) **January 2025**

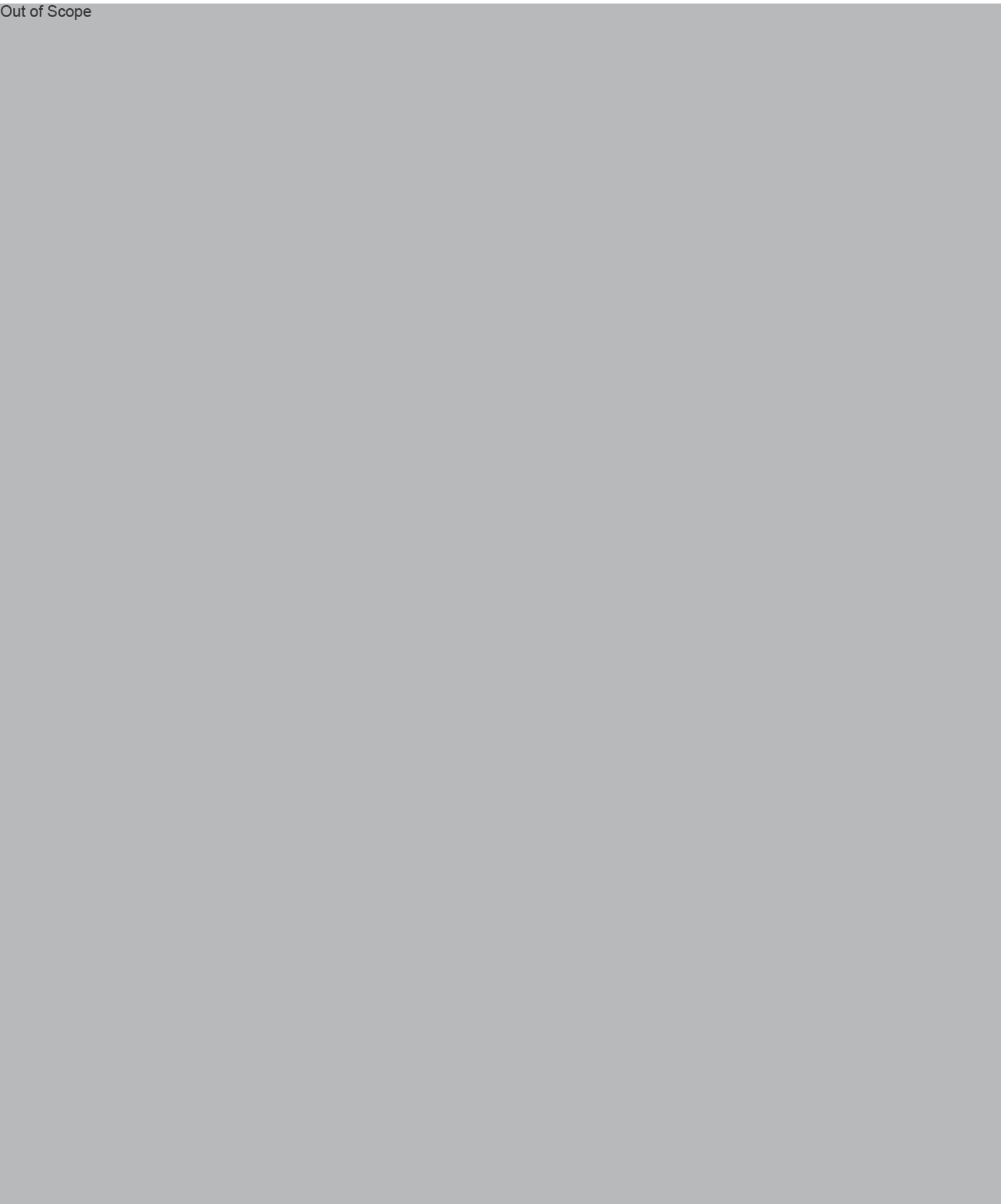
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AEWV Timeliness

January 2025

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Weekly Report to the Minister of Immigration and Associate Ministers of Immigration

For the period from 6 March to 12 March 2025

Date:	12 March 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2425-0091

	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Erica Stanford Minister of Immigration	Discuss at the next immigration officials' meeting	N/A
Hon Chris Penk Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A
Hon Casey Costello Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A

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Alison McDonald	Deputy Secretary Immigration	
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3. IMMIGRATION OPERATIONAL UPDATES

3.1 Biometric Capability Update project

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) Executives remain focused on resolving commercial issues and progressing defect resolution. Further meetings with Australian and American executives from the lead vendor are scheduled, for ongoing momentum.

Commercial negotiations continue with the lead vendor. MBIE has provided the Biometric Capability Update (BCU) Support Statement of Work to the lead vendor for feedback and has received feedback from them on the most recent version of the Master Services Agreement. An end of March 2025 completion is still expected to close the commercial negotiations.

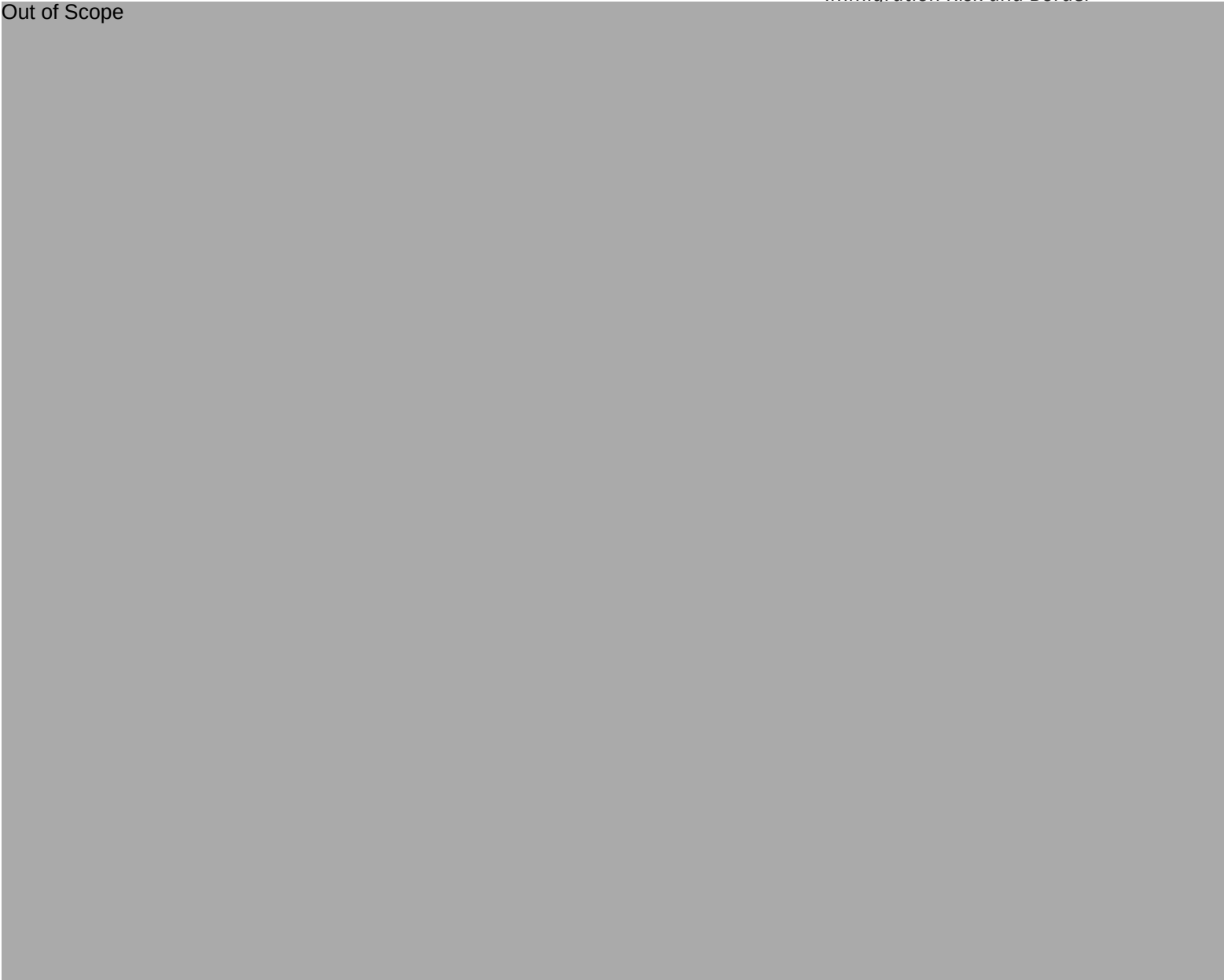


A software release was received on 6 March 2025, with a further release scheduled for 13 March 2025. Subject to successful testing, this should result in a June 2025 project go live timeframe.

Preparations for project go live, including business readiness, code deployment, data migration, and transition to go live and subsequent support, continues.

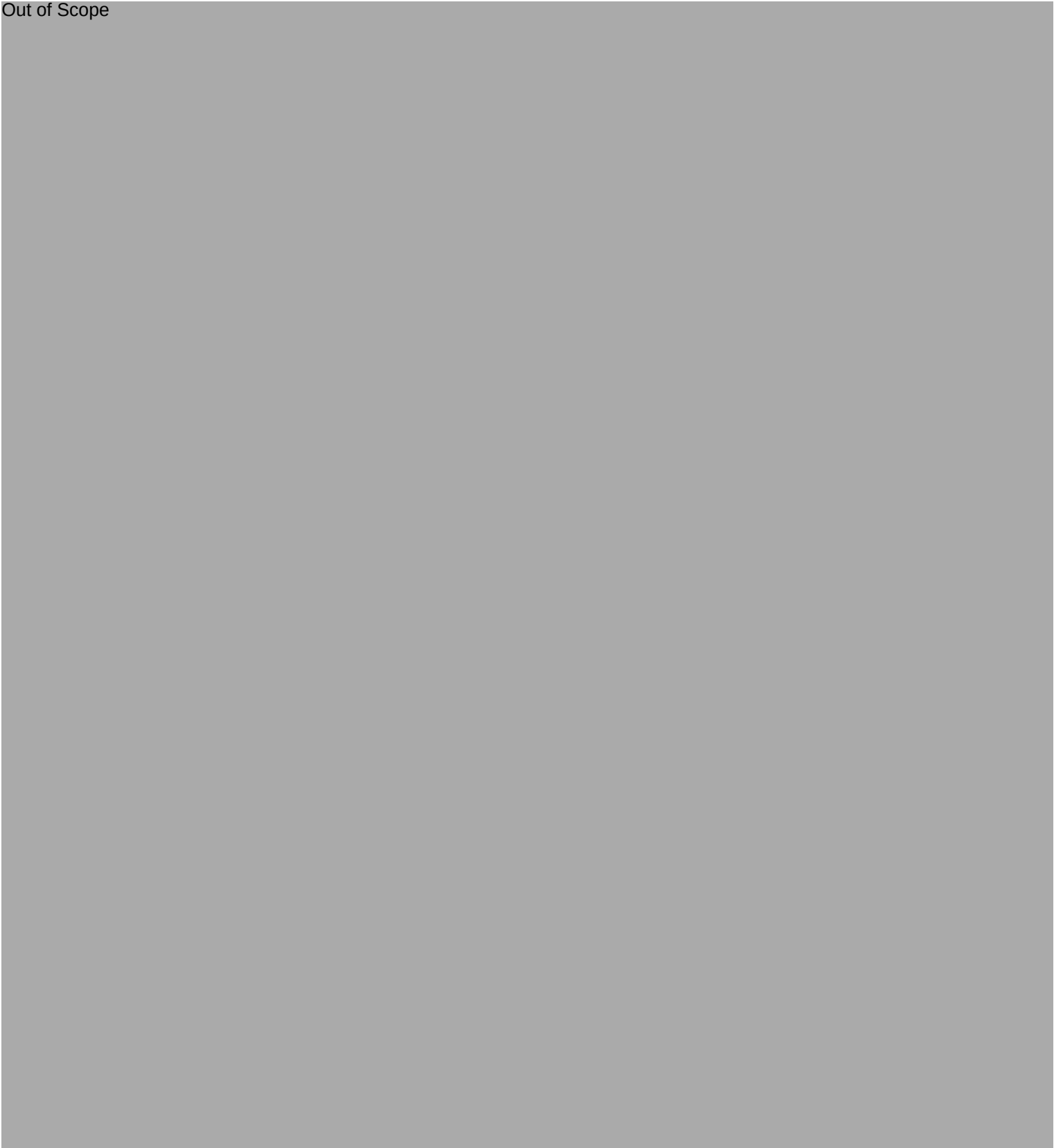
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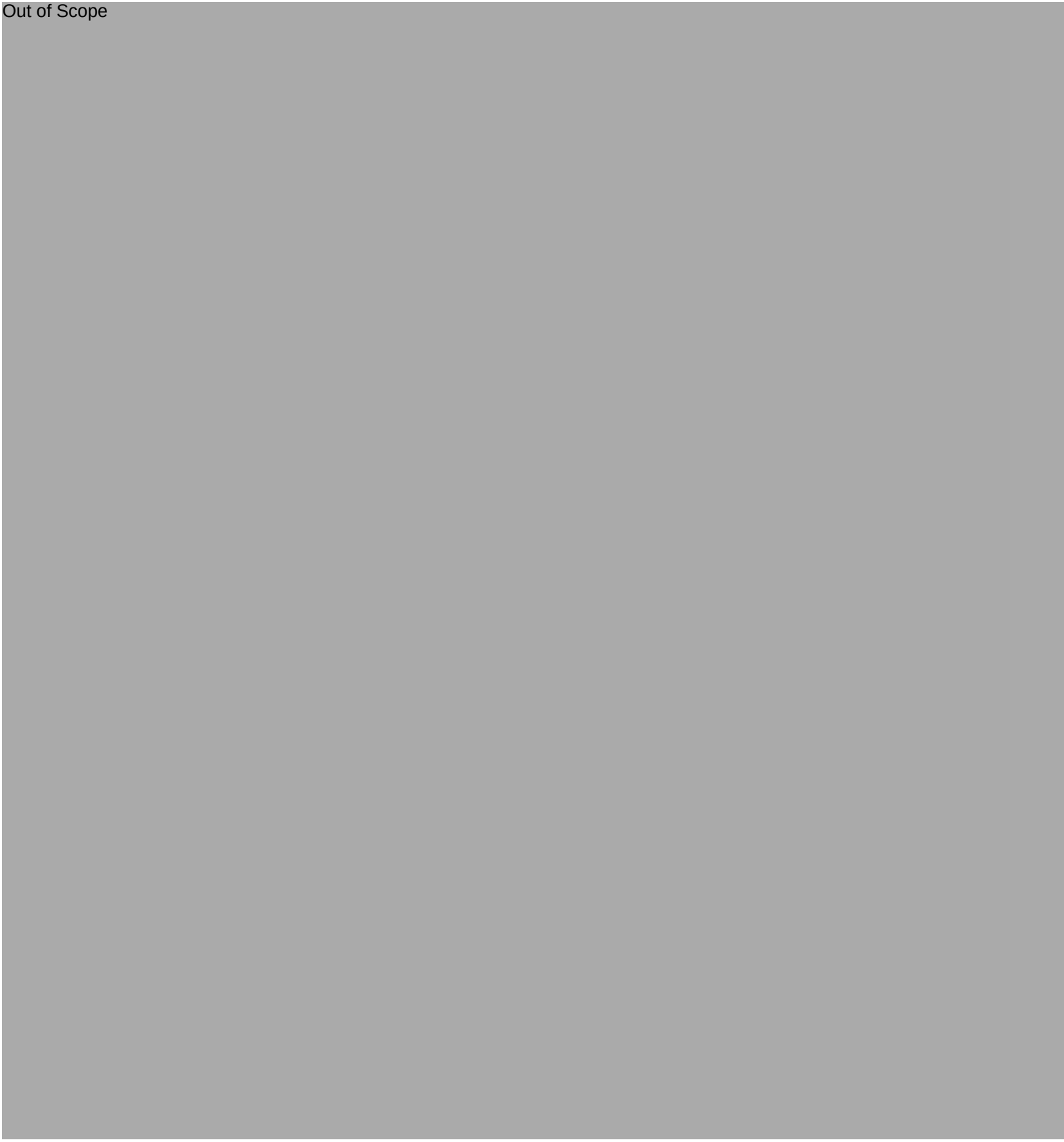
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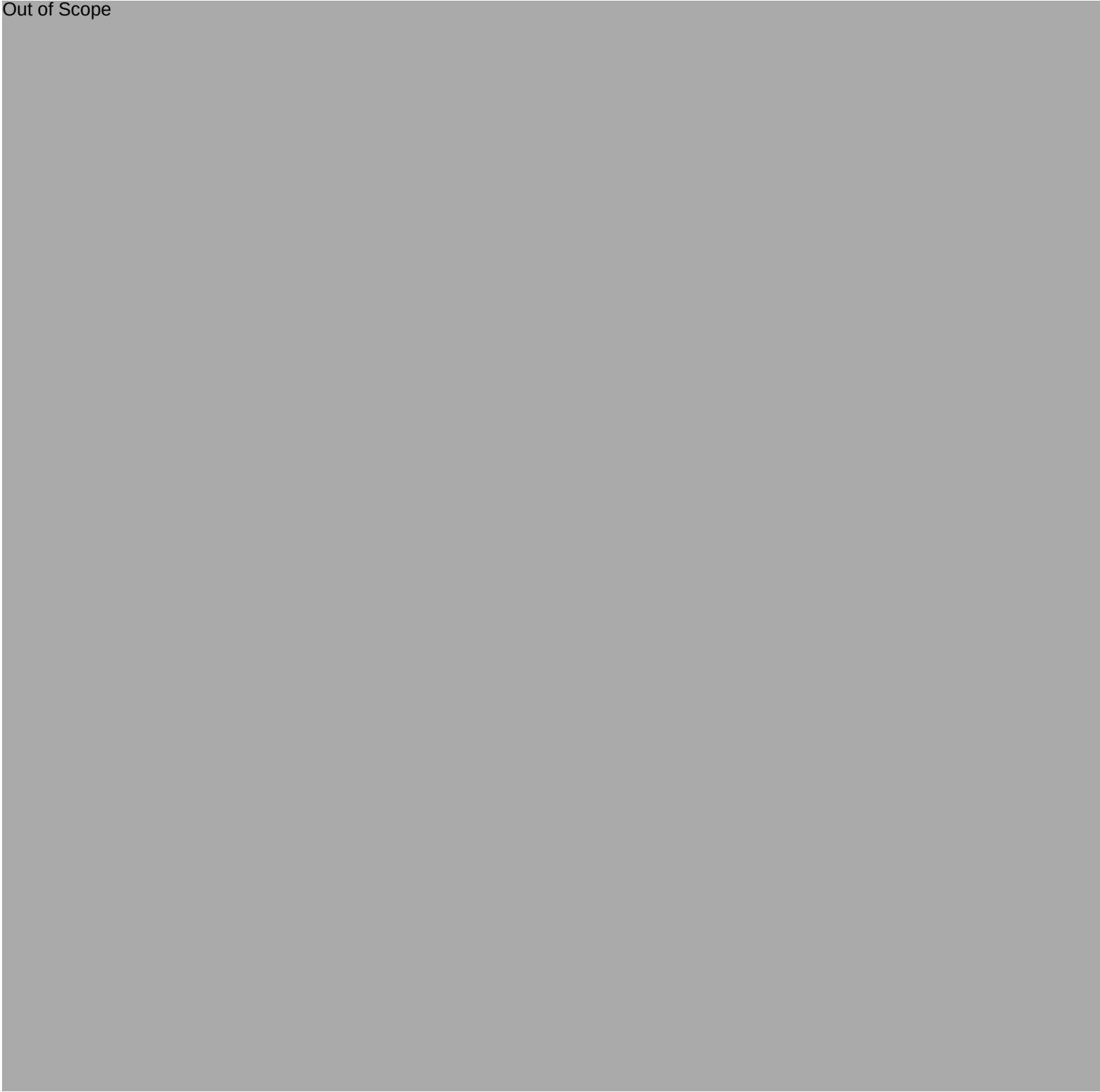
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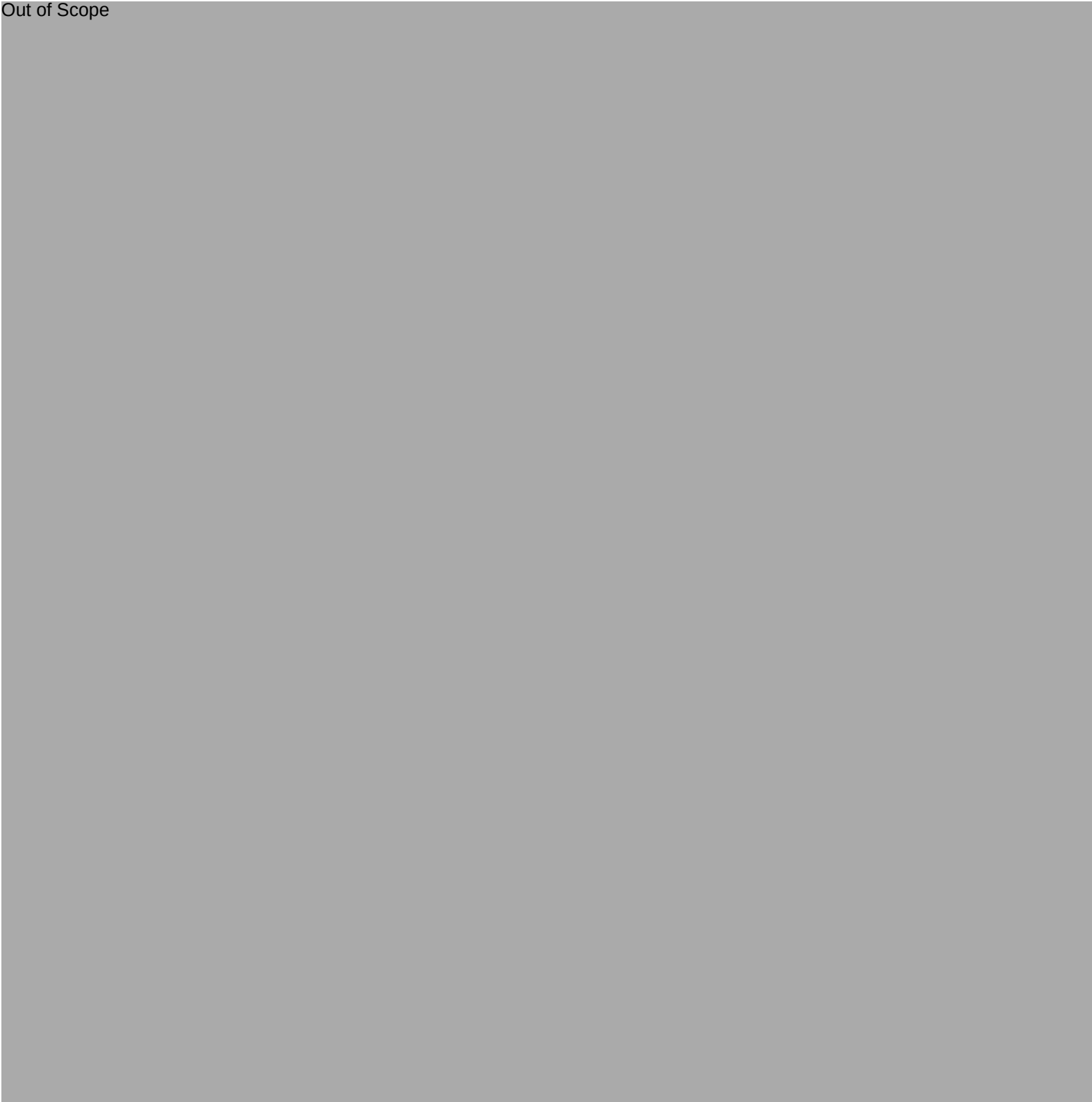
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4.2 Upcoming Events/Meetings

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Key Timeliness Measures

Data as of: Sunday, 9 March 2025

Period covered	
This week	02/03/2025 to 08/03/2025
Last week	23/02/2025 to 01/03/2025

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Monthly Timeliness

February 2025

This month	Last month
February 2025	January 2025

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Accredited Employer & Job Check Timeliness (Working Days) **February 2025**

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AEWV Timeliness

February 2025

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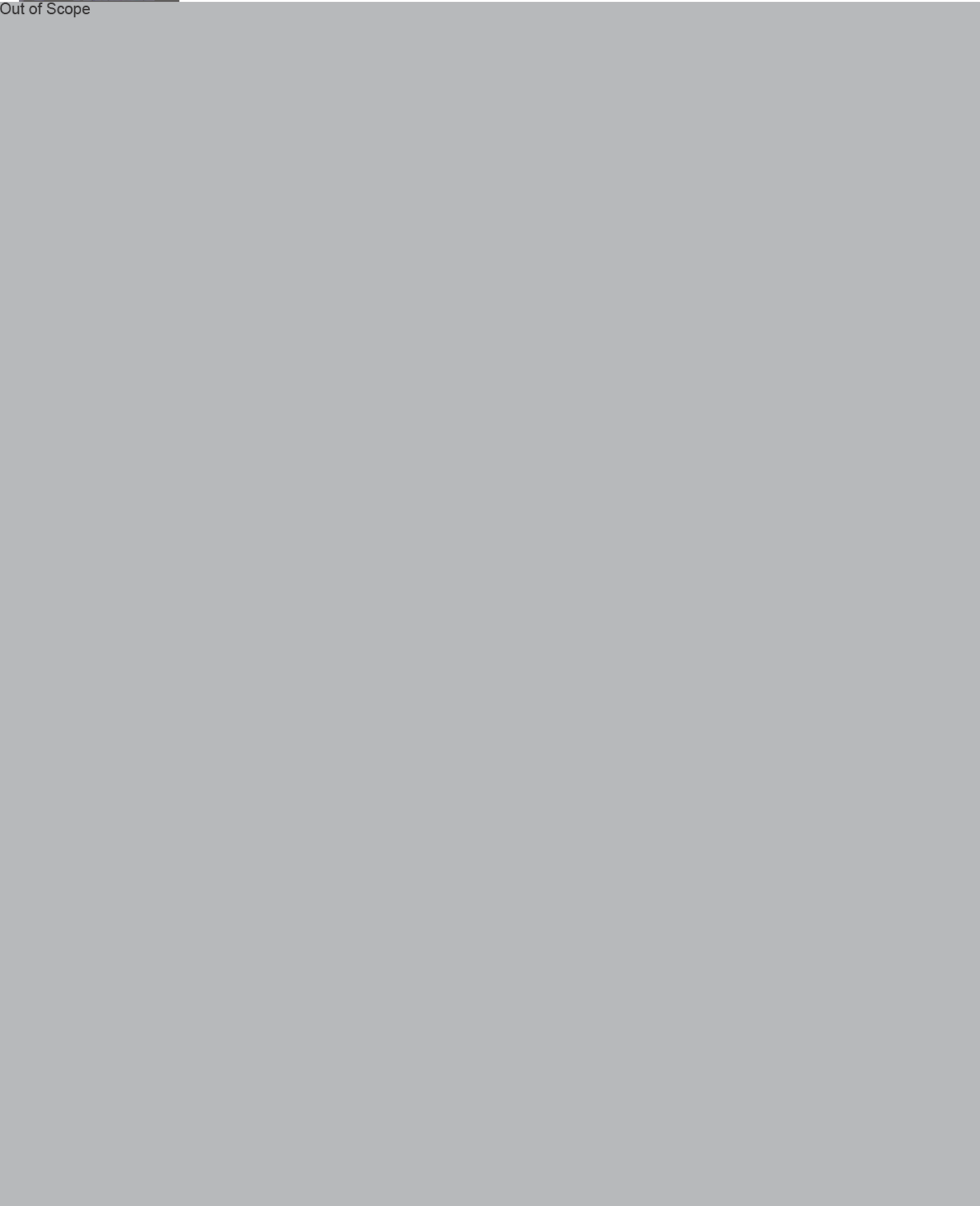
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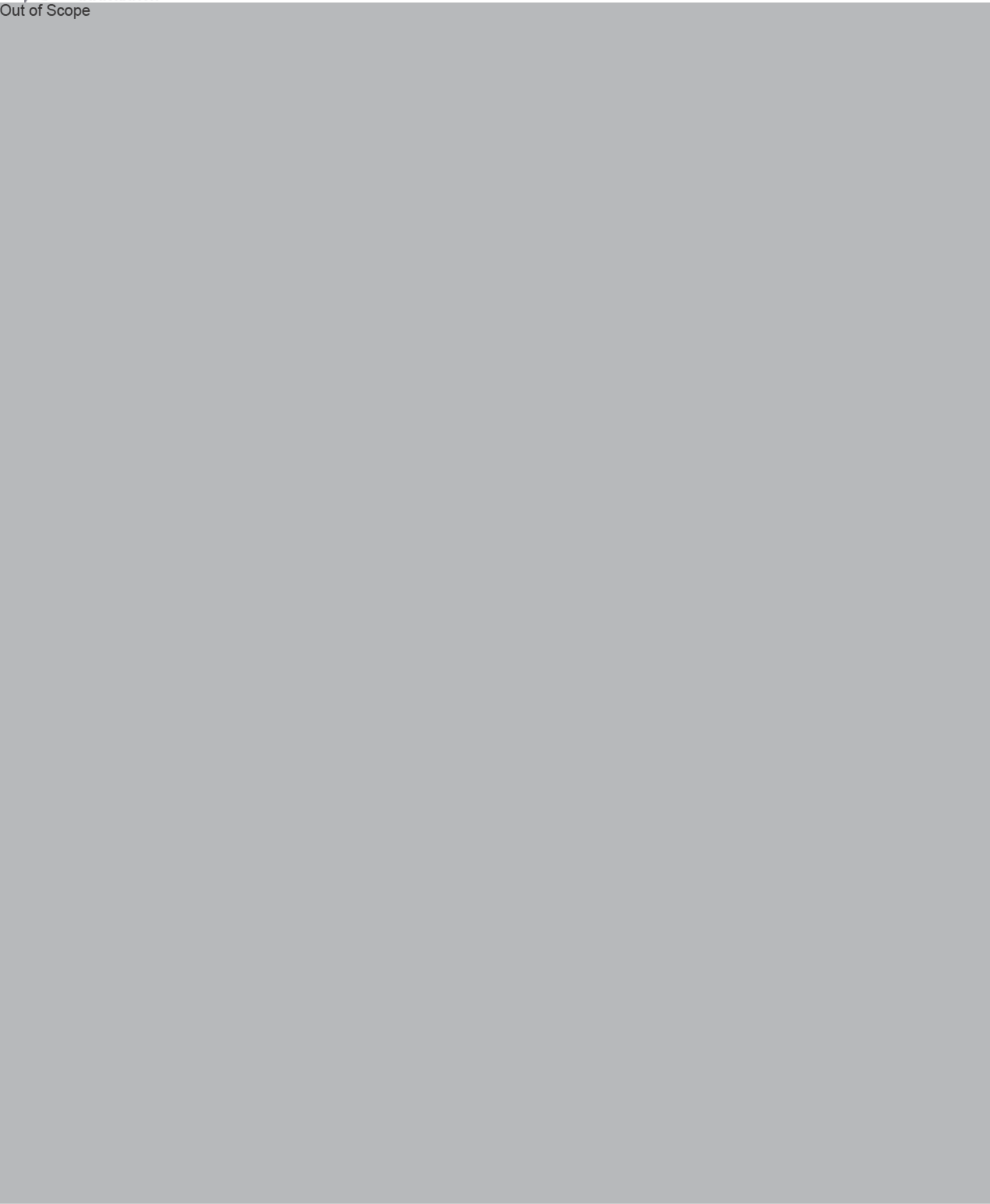




Work - trends over time

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Residence - trends over time

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Weekly Report to the Minister of Immigration and Associate Ministers of Immigration

For the period from 1 May to 7 May 2025

Date:	7 May 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2425-0099

	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Erica Stanford Minister of Immigration	Discuss at the next immigration officials' meeting	N/A
Hon Chris Penk Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A
Hon Casey Costello Associate Minister of Immigration	Note the contents of this report	N/A

Name	Position	Telephone
Stephen Vaughan	Chief Operating Officer Immigration	s9(2)(a)
Alison McDonald	Deputy Secretary Immigration	
Nic Blakeley	Deputy Secretary, Labour, Science and Enterprise	
Suzanne Stew	Deputy Secretary, Te Whakatairanga Service Delivery	

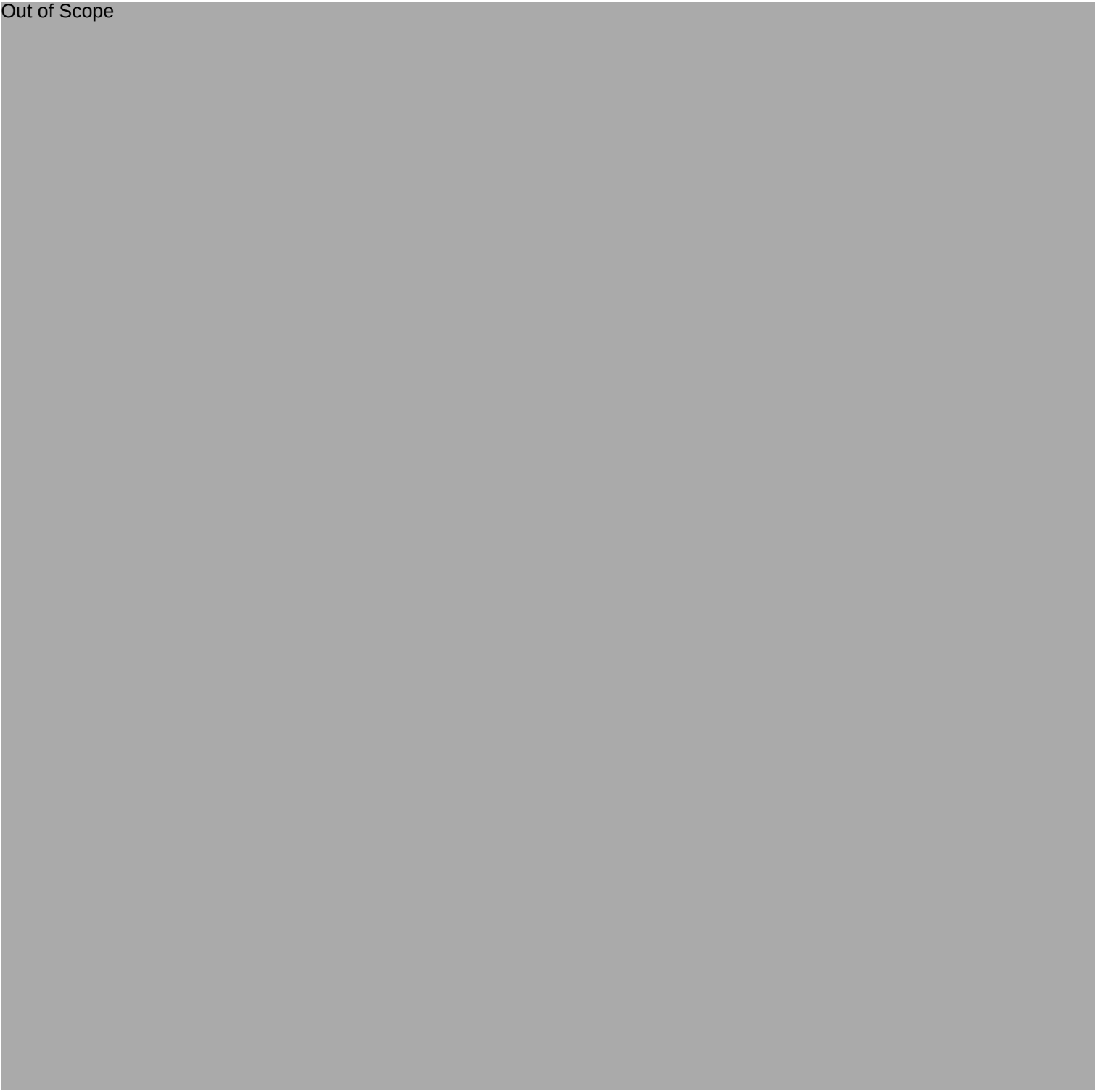
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Stephen Vaughan
Chief Operating Officer Immigration
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3.2 Biometric Capability Update project

MBIE remains focused on progressing defect resolution and resolving commercial arrangements with the lead vendor.

The number of residual defects continues to reduce, with a high likelihood of a working solution being identified in the upcoming weeks. Regression testing has commenced, commercial negotiations are continuing with a specific focus on support, and additional capability has been engaged to assist with implementation planning.

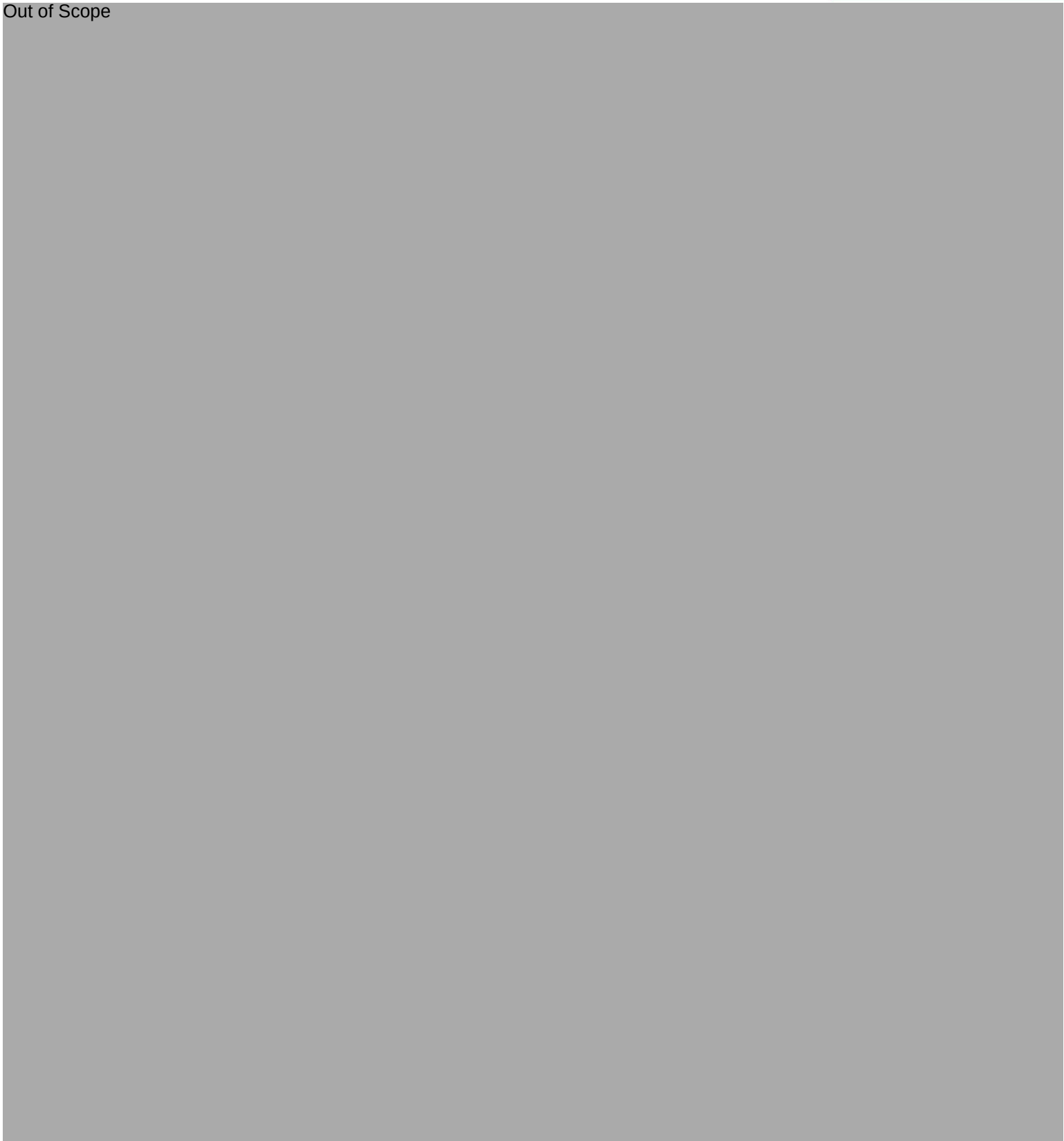
Preparation for project go live, including Business Change Management preparation, the development of a transition plan, early life support arrangements with all supporting vendors, and data migration, continues.

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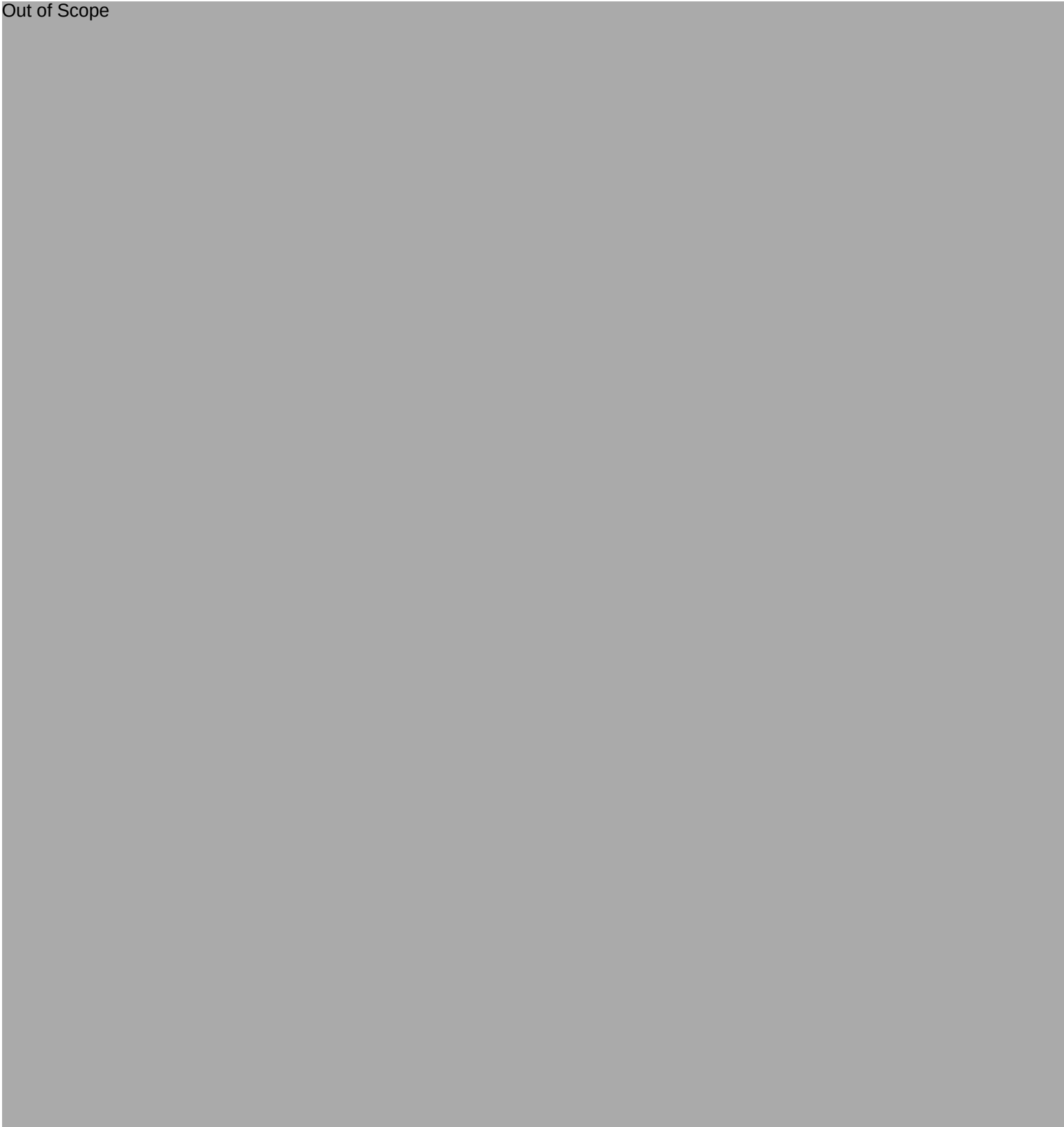


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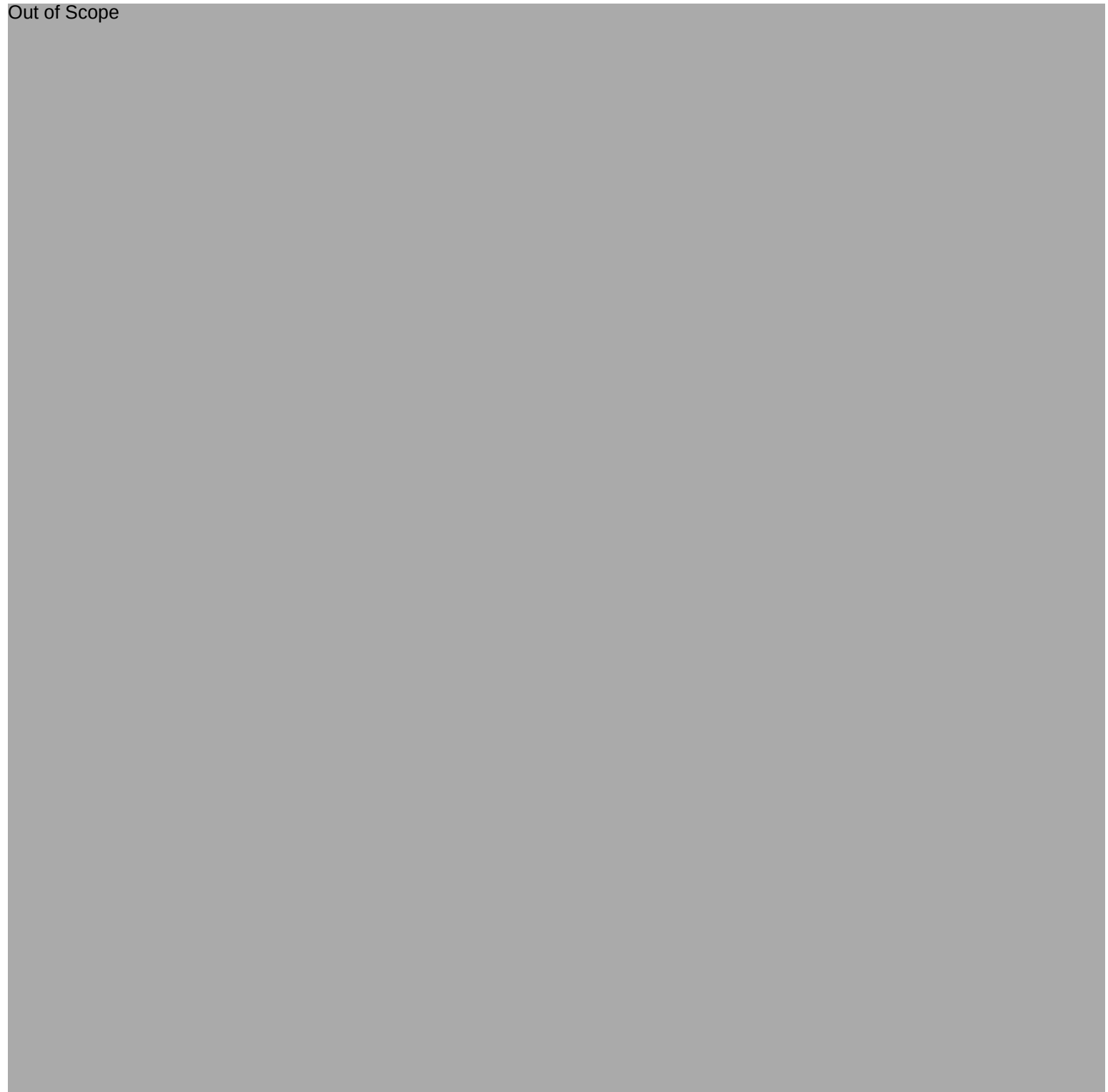
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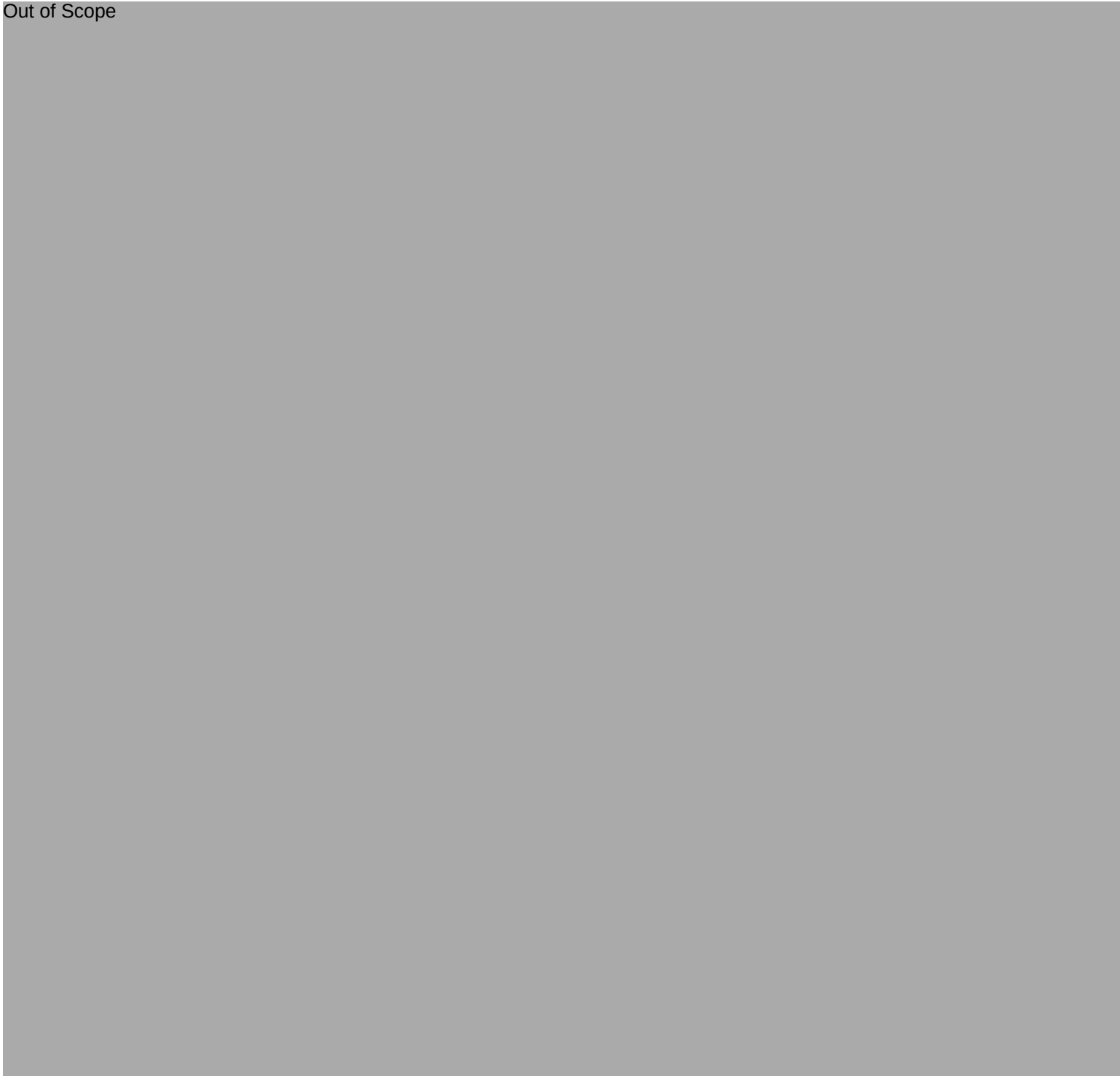
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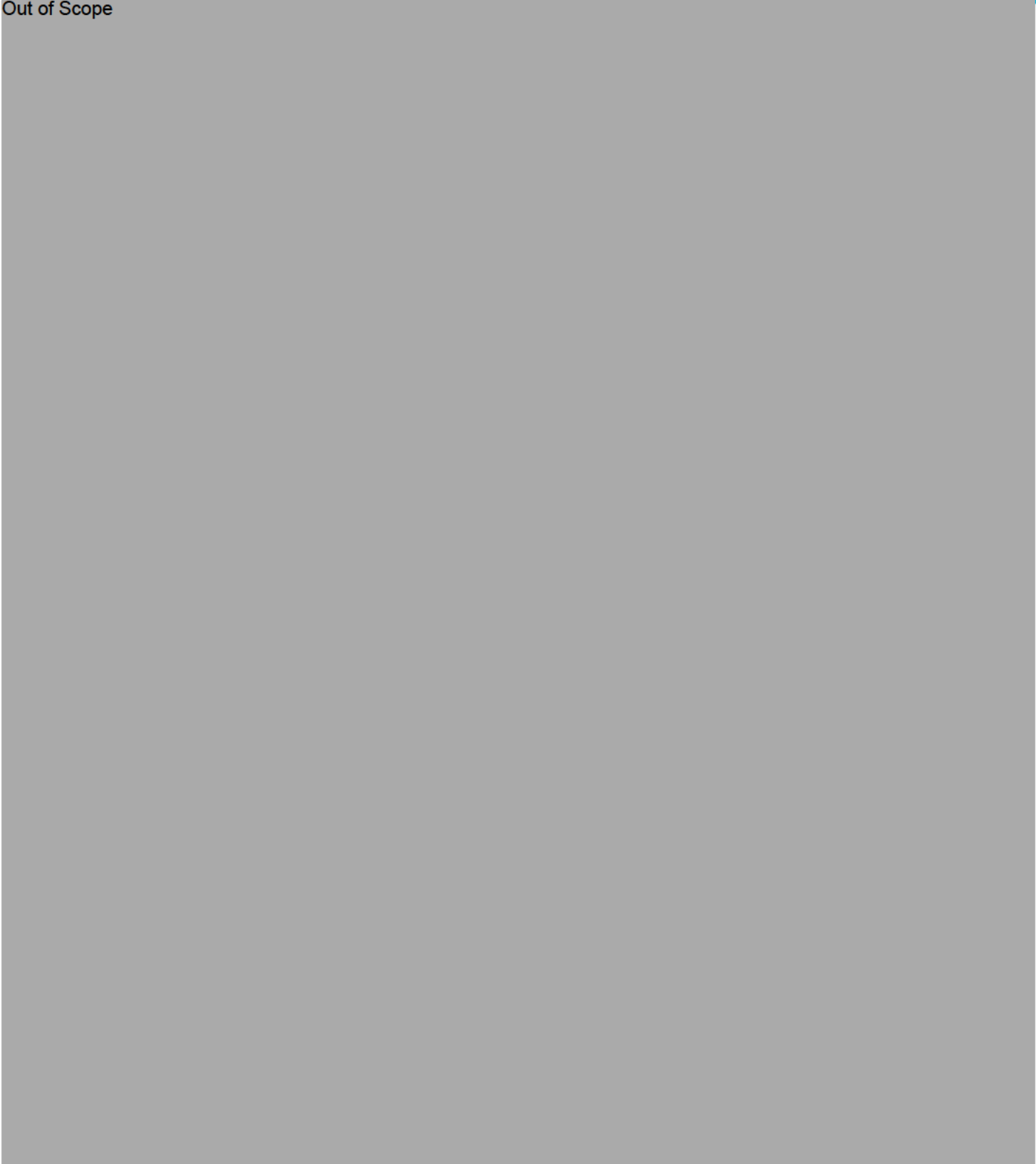
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Key Timeliness Measures

Period covered	
This week	27/04/2025 to 03/05/2025

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Monthly Timeliness

April 2025

This month	Last month
April 2025	March 2025

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Accredited Employer & Job Check Timeliness (Working Days) **April 2025**

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AEWV Timeliness

April 2025

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Accredited Employer stages - trends over time

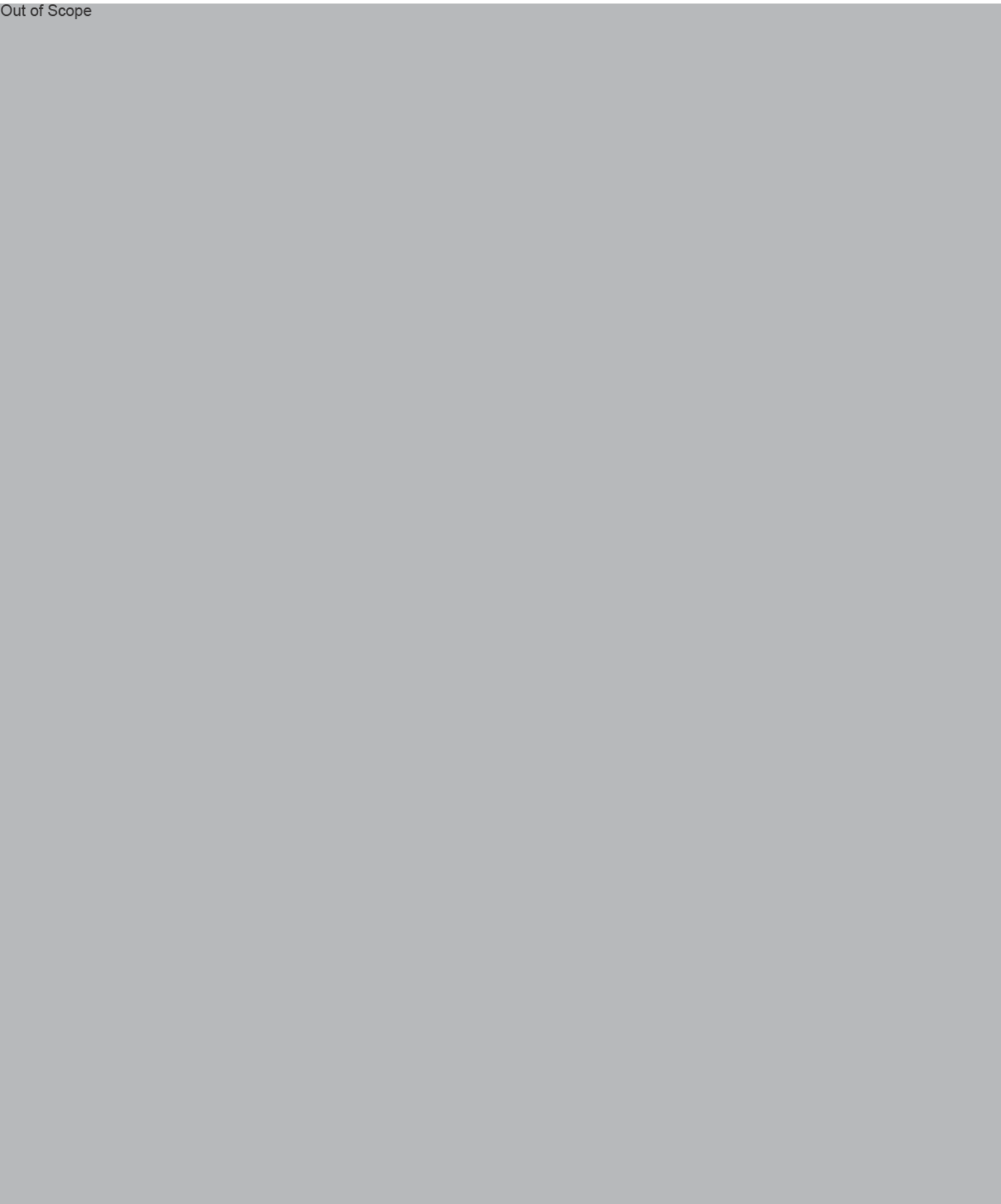
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Residence - trends over time

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