



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mass Arrivals Steering Group

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| Background | <p>A maritime mass arrival (defined in the Immigration Act 2009 as more than 30 people who do not have approval to enter New Zealand) 6(a)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE; specifically Immigration New Zealand) is the lead risk-coordinating agency. MBIE's 6(a)</p> <p>Three component parts comprise that treatment: policy and legislative provision, prevention of a maritime mass arrival venture, and response to any successful venture.</p> <p>An inter-agency Mass Arrivals Steering Group (MASG) and Mass Arrivals Working Group (MAWG) support the implementation and assurance of the risk treatment and 6(a)</p> | | |
| Purpose | <p>The Steering Group comprises senior staff from relevant agencies to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. oversee the coordination of the mass arrivals risk treatment led by the Working Group, resolving any disagreements and providing any necessary direction 2. share information of strategic relevance including on agencies' activities and information of relevance 6(a); and 3. review progress on the treatment of the mass arrivals risk. | | |
| Meetings | <p>Meetings are generally RESTRICTED and are held twice a year 6(a)</p> <p>[REDACTED]. Meetings may be held remotely via Microsoft Teams videoconference, pursuant to MBIE protective security requirements.</p> <p>MBIE's General Manager responsible for INZ's Irregular Migration Programme chairs the meeting. MBIE's Irregular Migration Programme provides secretariat support. The agenda and relevant documentation are circulated at least five working days prior in consultation with the Chair. Minutes including action points will be circulated within five working days of the meeting.</p> | | |
| Membership | <p><i>Key agencies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) (Chair) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6(a) • Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) • Ministry of Defence (MOD) • New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) • New Zealand Police | | |

- New Zealand Customs Service

Relevant agencies

- 6(a) [Redacted]

Each agency designates one permanent senior representative and one designated alternate representative to attend the meetings. Key agencies are requested to attend each meeting. Relevant agencies are welcome to attend as time allows; if there are particular agenda items in which they have a specific interest; or if their attendance is specifically requested.

6(a) [Redacted] MASG distribution lists include all agencies regardless of attendance status.

Resources

- Relevant legislation (Immigration Act 2009 s.9A, s.317A-E & s.324A)
- Relevant Cabinet and Ministerial briefings
- Mass Arrivals Prevention Strategy (MAPS)
- 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

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