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Next steps for the refresh of the refugee and migrant settlement strategies

Date:	10 March 2023	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2223-2780

Information for Minister(s)

Hon Ginny Andersen
Associate Minister of Immigration

Hon Michael Wood
Minister of Immigration

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Andrew Lockhart	Acting General Manager, Refugee and Migrant Services	s 9(2)(a)	✓
Sam Foley	Manager, Immigration (International and Humanitarian) Policy, Labour, Skills and Enterprise		

The following departments/agencies have been consulted

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Minister's office to complete:

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Who is to be covered by each strategy
(based on a needs-based approach and consistent with the ultimate purpose of these frameworks)

It is proposed that coverage by the refugee strategy is expanded to include other refugee and refugee-like/background cohorts¹ alongside Quota refugees and that Pacific Access and Samoan Quota category resident visa holders and those on a clear pathway to residence be added to the priority groups for the migrant strategy.

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¹ Including Convention Refugee and Protected Persons, Community Organisation Refugee Sponsorship category, Refugee Family Support category and Afghan evacuees and interpreters resident visa holders. Asylum and Protection Claimants would remain outside the scope of the Refugee Resettlement Strategy.

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BRIEFING

Proposed next steps with the Refresh of the refugee resettlement and migrant settlement strategies

Date:	21 April 2023	Priority:	High
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2223-3272

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Michael Wood Minister of Immigration	Agree to options to include in a Cabinet paper on the refresh of the refugee resettlement and migrant settlement strategies	24 April 2023
Hon Rachel Brooking Associate Minister of Immigration	For your information	At your convenience

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Fiona Whiteridge	General Manager Refugee and Migrant Services, Immigration New Zealand	s 9(2)(a)	✓
Sam Foley	Manager, Immigration (International and Humanitarian) Policy		

The following departments/agencies have been consulted
Department of Internal Affairs, Ministry for Housing and Urban Development, Kainga Ora, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, Ministry for Women, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Ministry for Social Development, New Zealand Police, Oranga Tamariki have been consulted as part of this ongoing work.

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We do not recommend Refugee and Protection Claimants (asylum seekers) are covered at this stage

39. You provided feedback on the initial proposal not to extend coverage by the NZRRS to asylum seekers, noting a clearer rationale would need to be provided to support this proposal.
40. Despite community advocacy and support from the ESG for inclusion of asylum seekers in the scope of the NZRRS, officials remain of the opinion that asylum seekers who are yet to have had a final determination of their claim should not be captured by the NZRRS. This is on the basis that this group includes temporary visa holders with no clear pathway to settlement and individuals with unlawful status while the strategies focus on settlement outcomes for those likely to settle in Aotearoa New Zealand. Successful claimants would instead be covered once their claim had been approved.
41. It is however recognised that this group can have complex needs and significant work is required across government to ensure asylum seekers are supported during the claim process in order to address any barriers that would impact on their ability to engage in, and pursue their claim.
42. Officials are available to discuss this with you, including the timing and priority of further work in this space, noting that work to support asylum claimants will span multiple agencies/portfolios.



BRIEFING

Refresh of the refugee resettlement and migrant settlement strategies – foundational changes and next phases of this work

Date:	7 December 2022	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	2223-1706

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Michael Wood Minister of Immigration	<p>Agree to options to include in an initial Cabinet paper on the refresh of the refugee resettlement and migrant settlement strategies</p> <p>Agree further work is undertaken as part of the refresh</p> <p>Agree to forward this briefing to relevant Ministers</p>	16 December 2022
Hon Phil Twyford Associate Minister of Immigration	For your information	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Fiona Whiteridge	General Manager Refugee and Migrant Services, Immigration New Zealand	s 9(2)(a)	✓
Sam Foley	Manager, Immigration (International and Humanitarian) Policy		

The following departments/agencies have been consulted
Department of Internal Affairs, Ministry for Housing and Urban Development, Kainga Ora, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, Ministry for Women, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Ministry for Social Development, New Zealand Police, Oranga Tamariki.

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We do not recommend coverage of the NZRRS include Refugee and Protection Claimants (asylum seekers) at this stage

62. There are arguments to be made for including Refugee and Protection Claimants on temporary work or student visas under the NZRRS' monitoring and reporting framework on the basis that:
- over 50 percent of asylum and protection claims¹³ are confirmed so a significant proportion of asylum and protection claimants would end up settling permanently into Aotearoa New Zealand (unlike other cohorts mentioned above);
 - early availability of data on settlement challenges and needs related to asylum and protection claimants' drawn-out claim journey¹⁴ may inform early interventions to accelerate successful settlement for this cohort;
 - the stakeholder engagement phase confirmed strong community desire to include Refugee and Protection Claimants; and
 - there has been long-standing advocacy by communities and service providers alike for inclusion of Refugee and Protection Claimants under the NZRRS.
63. However, based on the proposed approach to coverage, and the focus on residence and long-term settlement, officials are not proposing to include Refugee and Protection Claimants at this stage.
64. It is recognised that there are gaps in the current system that provides support to Refugee and Protection Claimants and work is under way to address these separately from the Refresh. The programme of work to implement the Casey Review recommendations includes consideration of resources required, including funding options to support community care and management of claimants. In addition, when considering the additional support and services which might be needed for the groups proposed to be included under the NZRRS, officials will consider whether those services should also be extended to asylum seekers based on their needs during the claims process.