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Dear all

Please find below a proposed agenda and key supporting docs for the meeting at 4pm today, bringing together the offices of Minister O'Neil and Minister Giles and the department for a discussion on the NZYQ challenge.

Agenda

1. s42(1)
2. Caseload snapshot including QSA/ASA and registered offenders
3. Policy discussion – broad and narrow approaches across the immigration continuum
4. Portfolio impacts – effort and opportunities
5. Ops plan for next week
6. s42(1)
7. Next steps, Minister O'Neil deep dive

Attached to this email are documents to support office consideration and discussion, noting this would be followed by formal advice in due course.

- A summary of the policy and legal workshop held within Home Affairs in recent weeks, drawing together views from various areas of the agency including options and suggested outcomes for consideration.
- A dashboard product summarising the cohorts presently in immigration detention with protection obligations, are stateless or intractable to removal
- A criminality snapshot providing a sample of the offences committed by some the detainees in the protection finding cohort
- A fact sheet for information outlining proposed upcoming changes to the returns and reintegration packages available

We look forward to speaking with you shortly

Regards
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Return and Reintegration Program (RRAP)

Current RRAP settings

The Return and Reintegration Assistance Program (RRAP) commenced in 2010 and assists eligible non-citizens who wish to voluntarily depart Australia or a regional processing country for a **country of return (home or third country)**, but require assistance. RRAP supports voluntary departure for non-citizens who have exhausted all avenues to remain in Australia and mitigates flow-on risks requiring compliance action, including detention.

Assistance under the RRAP is currently divided into two service categories:

Returns Assistance	Reintegration Assistance
facilitates the departure process for eligible non-citizens. Returns Assistance includes (but is not limited to) returns counselling, the purchasing of air tickets, assistance to obtain travel documents, accommodation assistance, small cash allowances during transit and reception assistance in the country of return.	assists returnees to rebuild their lives in the return country to reduce the risk of further irregular migration. Reintegration Assistance is currently available only to Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals (UMAs) and can be taken as cash and/or as in-kind assistance.

The currently policy and legislative settings for RRAP have not changed since 2010 and does not effectively assist in resolving the current Status Resolution cohort. Only approximately 11% of the current status resolution population (covering clients in held detention, community detention or on a Bridging E Visa) are UMAs.

RRAP procurement and expanded program settings

Current contracts end on 30 June 2024 and the department is procuring new services (RFT in early 2024). To better support status resolution outcomes, the following program changes are proposed (Minister and Government approval required):

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Current Reintegration Assistance (RA) (UMAs only)			s47C
Who	Returning to	RA amount	
UMAs who are 18 years or older	Afghanistan or Iraq	USD \$4,000 per person	
UMAs who are 18 years or older	Any other country	USD \$3,300 per person	
In-kind Assistance	All countries	Included in above amounts	
Total per adult		\$3,300/\$4,000	
Plus for each family member under 18 years	Any country	USD \$500 per person	

Exchange rate current as at 19 October 2023; 1USD=1.58AUD

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