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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 11 October 2024 3:57 PM
To: Media
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: **For^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} Clearance** s 47F(1) /Crikey - Australians in Lebanon and Palestine [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cleared thanks^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

From: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 3:49 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
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Subject: **For^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} Clearance** s 47F(1) /Crikey - Australians in Lebanon and Palestine [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Email for your clearance below please.

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MEDIA ENQUIRY FOR CLEARANCE

JOURNALIST: s 47F(1) /Crikey

DEADLINE: Monday 14 October

DFAT POC: Alan Copeland, Assistant Secretary Crisis Preparedness and Management Branch, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Grateful for your clearance of the below response to be provided to s 47F(1) /Crikey regarding the number of Australians currently in Lebanon, Israel and OTP, and the number that have been evacuated and killed in the past year.

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Australians in Lebanon and Palestine [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s 47F(1)

Confirming receipt of your media enquiry.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, 15 October 2024 12:38 PM
To: Media; Crisis Ses.Manager
Cc: Crisis Centre
Subject: FW: **Media Enquiry for Action** s 47F(1) /Crikey - Australians in Lebanon and Palestine [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Media

Please see the response as cleared by A/G AS CPB and Crisis SES Manager:

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From: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 10:01 AM

To: Alan Copeland <Alan.Copeland@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; Media <media@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: RE: **Media Enquiry for Action** s 47F(1) /Crikey - Australians in Lebanon and Palestine
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Good morning

s 47F(1) /Crikey has followed up regarding the response we sent last week. He has also phoned the media line, requesting that any additional response includes an attributable component.

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MLS would be **grateful for a draft response to this follow up enquiry by 3pm 15/10 to allow for FMO deadlines.**

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Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 12:52 PM
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Subject: Fw: **Media Enquiry for Action** s 47F(1) /Crikey - Australians in Lebanon and Palestine
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Dear Alan

Grateful for your clearance of below proposed response to this media inquiry by 4pm.

Many thanks

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On-duty SES Manager

DFAT Crisis Centre

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Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 11:12 AM
To: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Subject: RE: **Media Enquiry for Action** s 47F(1) /Crikey - Australians in Lebanon and Palestine
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi team

Just further to the previous email, I suggest we could use the below as a starting point for response.

Note we will attached the latest version of the background note with information once released.

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Hi Crisis Centre colleagues,

Please see below a media enquiry from s 47F(1) /Crikey regarding Australians in Lebanon and Palestine.

MLS would be grateful for a draft response to this enquiry by **4pm** to allow for FMO deadlines. Please let us know as soon as possible if this is unrealistic.

We would also appreciate **confirmation of receipt** of this request.

It is a requirement that draft responses are **cleared at SES level** before they are returned to MLS.

As the lead line area, you should consult relevant areas/Agencies as appropriate before returning the final draft response to MLS. If you are not the lead line area, grateful if you could advise MLS as soon as possible.

Please find draft template below.

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Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Tuesday, 15 October 2024 4:43 PM
To: Media
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: **s 22(1)(a)(ii) Clearance** s 47F(1) /Crikey regarding Australians in Lebanon, Israel and OPT [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) just added a line.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 4:40 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) Clearance** s 47F(1) /Crikey regarding Australians in Lebanon, Israel and OPT [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Can you do up a summary email for Brett to consider an NFA on this?

Noting her statement that a non-response will be a story in itself. Once we have his views we can then consider next steps, if any.

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Subject: **s 22(1)(a)(ii) Awareness** Australians in Lebanon and Palestine [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For awareness, we have received another follow up from s 47F(1) / Crikey.

I propose NFA, noting we have provided two considered responses on this matter.

Many thanks
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Thanks **s 22(1)(a)(ii)** agree this approach.
 Many thanks,
 Brett

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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 4:55 PM
To: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>; Brett Mason3 <Brett.Mason3@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: **s 22(1)(a)(ii)** @dfat.gov.au; **s 22(1)(a)(ii)** @dfat.gov.au
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Subject: RE: s 22(1)(a)(ii) Clearance** - **For FMO awareness** s 47F(1) /Crikey regarding Australians in Lebanon, Israel and OPT [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Cleared thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: **s 22(1)(a)(ii) Clearance** - **For FMO awareness** s 47F(1) /Crikey regarding Australians in Lebanon, Israel and OPT [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Warm regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Tuesday, 15 October 2024 7:07 PM
To: Media; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: **For FMO awareness** s 47F(1) /Crikey regarding Australians in Lebanon, Israel and OPT [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for letting us know.

Cheers,
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Good evening s 22(1)(a)(ii) ,

For your awareness, we intend to not respond further to s 47F(1) /Crikey regarding Australians in Lebanon, Israel and OPT.

MLS have provided two responses to s 47F(1) already, but he has followed up again asking specifically for the number of Australians evacuated from Israel and OPT, and the number that have been killed in Lebanon, Israel and OPT.

We have already provided s 47F(1) with the relevant publicly available information.

Please let us know if you have any concerns with this approach.

Warm regards,
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Categories: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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PS. Suggest just including the relevant geographical Consular Operations team and Consular Policy team (who I think might do stats?) in your email, as well as the AS and FAS' EO.

No need to include the full GWO etc list.

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Thanks – could you please consult CCD on this. (not a full tasking, just a request for advice).

Question to me is – should we go back with a response on background something like the following.

Happy to be advised either way.

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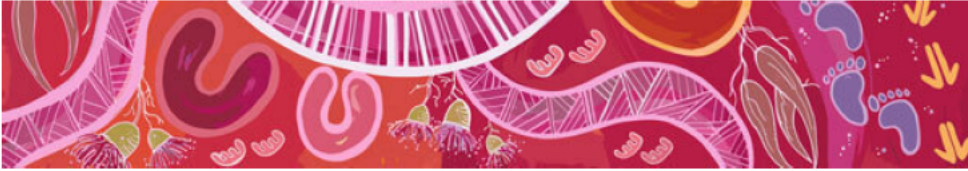
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Categories: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Can we please give Consular Operations (middle east team) and s 22(1)(a)(ii) (Director of Consular Policy Section) and their AS's (Warren Macilwain and s 22(1)(a)(ii) (acting) visibility of this one?

Or do they already have vis?

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Hi Media

I am happy with this response.

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: s 22(1)(a)(ii) clearance** / **For FMO clearance** s 47F(1) Crikey - Australians in Lebanon and Palestine [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cleared – let's see what FMO say.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 4:58 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Cc: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Subject: **s 22(1)(a)(ii) clearance** / **For FMO clearance** s 47F(1) /Crikey - Australians in Lebanon and Palestine [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Alan Copeland has cleared the below response. Welcome your clearance to provide to FMO:

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MEDIA ENQUIRY FOR CLEARANCE
JOURNALIST: s 47F(1) /Crikey

DEADLINE: Not specified

DFAT POC: Alan Copeland, Assistant Secretary Crisis Preparedness and Management Branch, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: Media; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For your awareness, s 47F(1) /Crikey has followed up on the below enquiry.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Kind regards

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To: Caitlin Raper <Caitlin.Raper@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
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MEDIA ENQUIRY FOR CLEARANCE

JOURNALIST: s 47F(1) /Crikey

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DFAT POC: Alan Copeland, Assistant Secretary Crisis Preparedness and Management Branch, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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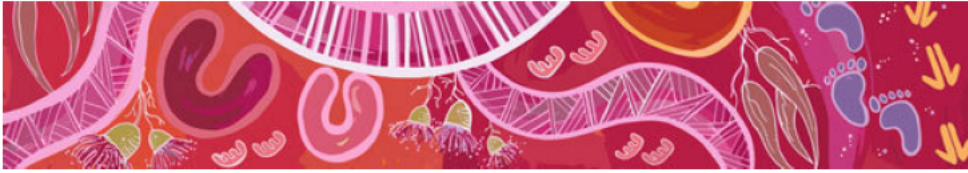
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Thank you! Would it be possible to get those lines on the record so I could explain it to the readers? It's very helpful to understand the reasoning why and it makes much more sense if I can just say where the info came from.

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Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 3:52 PM
To: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Australians in Lebanon and Palestine [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi!

Just following up in writing as one of your colleagues suggested on the phone -- as I said, I'm looking for an answer to the questions below, or if not, **an explanation as to why the questions can't be answered.**

- How many Australians have been evacuated from OPT in past 12 months
- How many Australians have been evacuated from Israel in past 12 months
- How many Australians have died in Israel in past 12 months
- How many Australians have died in OPT in past 12 months
- How many Australians have died in Lebanon in past 12 months

If I could get a sense of when you will respond that would be good, so I can inform my boss as I've already had to push the deadline for this several times.

Thank you!

s 47F(1)

On Wed, Oct 16, 2024 at 3:16 PM s 47F(1) <@crikey.com.au> wrote:

Hi!

This is s 47F(1) with Crikey again, just making sure you received this email yesterday.

If it's the case that you don't keep track of how many Australians have died in the conflict, could you just state that on the record? If you do keep track but won't tell me for some reason, could you explain why?

Thanks!

s
47F(1
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On Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 2:41 PM s 47F(1) <@crikey.com.au> wrote:

Thank you!

Did you have a look at the other questions I sent too?

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- How many Australians have died in Lebanon in past 12 months

If you can't or won't answer those, could you please send a line on the record explaining why?

I appreciate the answer to the Lebanon evacuation question (and clarification you don't keep track of which countries Aussies travel to) but it was only one out of several I asked, so I don't understand why the other questions were ignored?

As I said to your colleague on the phone this morning, I think it's newsworthy that you can't/won't answer these questions, so I need an explanation for why that is.

Thank you!

s 47F(1)

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OFFICIAL

Dear s 47F(1)

Thanks for your email.

Please see response below.

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Surely evacuation and death statistics for specific countries exist, right?

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On Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 6:11 PM Media <media@dfat.gov.au> wrote:

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Many thanks

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Could you please tell me how many Australians are in Lebanon, how many are in the occupied Palestinian territories, and how many are in Israel at the moment?

How many Australians:

- Have been evacuated from Lebanon in the last 12 months?
- Have been evacuated from the occupied Palestinian territories in the last 12 months?
- Have been evacuated from Israel in the last 12 months?
- Have been killed in Lebanon in the last 12 months?
- Have been killed in the occupied Palestinian territories in the last 12 months?
- Have been killed in Israel in the last 12 months?

If you can't get the data right away, could I have an answer for Monday?

Thank you!

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