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**Date:** Thursday, 11 January 2024 1:33:28 PM

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Very helpful additional information - thanks Juliette and team.

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Senator the Hon Penny Wong  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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### **Contributions to Lebanon and Jordan**

This is additional funding – not yet announced. We have been supporting refugee programs (predominately Syrian refugees but also host communities) in Lebanon and Jordan since the start of the conflict s 47E(d) Beth's trip to Jordan (and the Global Refugee Forum in Geneva) in December was in part to get a sense of ongoing needs but it also illustrated the impacts of the current crisis and the importance of continuing to support Jordan as a significant host as they face the economic and social impacts of the current Gaza crisis. New funding for Lebanon and Jordan would be for:

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### **Regional funding total**

In terms of humanitarian funding (excluding the core contribution to UNWRA of \$20.6 million), and pending Ministerial approvals, our total humanitarian commitment to the OPTs and region since 7 October will be s 47E(d)

(allocated but agreements, announcements and disbursements still to occur).

Please reach out if you need anything further

Best, Juliette

Juliette Brassington

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Thanks s 47F(1) we will come back to you first thing.  
Best  
Beth

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Thanks for this Beth and all.

s 47F(1) and I have spoken, and I know s 47F(1) also spoken further with you—we will continue discussions and come back to you.

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Thanks again for the fast work!  
s 47F(1)

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Dear s 47F(1)

This email recommends **Minister for Foreign Affairs** and **Minister for International  
Development and the Pacific's approval to draw** s 47E(d)

to respond to urgent and ongoing humanitarian needs resulting from the  
Hamas-Israel conflict. This drawdown would form part of package which includes additional  
support for refugee programs in Jordan and Lebanon at a time of increasing regional instability.

### Background

Australia has committed \$25 million in humanitarian support to respond to urgent humanitarian  
needs in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the region since the commencement of  
hostilities on 7 October. On 14 October, Ministers approved an initial \$10 million from the HEF in  
response to urgent humanitarian needs in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs). On 24  
October, Ministers approved a further \$15 million from the HEF to respond to urgent  
humanitarian needs resulting from the Hamas-Israel conflict including for support to  
neighbouring countries. s 47E(d)

### Situation Update

As of 8 January, UNOCHA reported over 23,084 fatalities of which 70 percent are reported to be  
women and children, 1.9 million internally displaced (85 per cent of Gaza) and 2.2 million people  
at imminent risk of famine. The humanitarian situation is dire and there are indications of  
escalating violence in the West Bank. s 47E(d)

### Proposed Australian Humanitarian 'Package 3'

An additional s 47E(d)

will be focussed on Gaza and the West Bank and  
would use established partnerships with multilateral agencies and the Red Cross Movement to  
release funds quickly. s 47E(d)

- s 47E(d) UNRWA is the largest provider of  
humanitarian assistance in Gaza. At present, some 1.4 million Gazans are seeking shelter  
in 155 UNRWA facilities. Its distribution network is vital for assistance to reach those in  
need. The main areas of focus for UNRWA's flash appeal are food and shelter, with

significant coverage of health, protection, education and emergency preparedness. As of 10 December 2023, US\$239.8m has been pledged and received against its Flash Appeal, representing 49.8 per cent of total funding requirements.

- **s 47E(d)** for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to address urgent humanitarian issues as a result of the Hamas-Israel conflict. On 8 December 2023, the ICRC launched its 2024 Appeal to respond to humanitarian needs as a result of the war in Gaza. It is seeking \$136 million (CHF77.5 million) for its operations in Israel and the OPTs. Since 7 October, the ICRC has deployed 104 staff members, including 45 staff members to the Gaza Strip, to respond to urgent needs. The ICRC continues to engage parties to ensure respect for International Humanitarian Law; serve as a neutral intermediary between parties to the conflict; support and strengthen hospital and emergency medical services; enable access to essential services; and provide assistance to vulnerable conflict-affected people (it has directly supported 10,000 households, or 50,000 people, as at 14 December 2023). This funding would build on the \$6 million Australia has provided to the ICRC's operations in OPTs since 7 October.

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#### **Other considerations**

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The funding for UNWRA's OPT Flash Appeal is in addition to Australia's base contribution to UNRWA (\$20.6 million) provided for in the 2023-24 budget. In providing the contribution to UNWRA's Flash Appeal we are and will continue to seek additional assurances to enable further confidence the risks associated with humanitarian delivery are being managed given the difficult operating environment in Gaza, specifically.

#### **Funding Availability**

There is currently **s 47E(d)** available in the HEF for the remainder of 2023/24. Approval of this request would leave **s 47E(d)** in the HEF budget.

#### **Media Plan**

DFAT will provide a draft media release and social media content following consideration of this recommendation.

Beth Delaney  
Humanitarian Coordinator  
FAS HPD

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Beth Delaney

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First Assistant Secretary | DFAT Preventing Sexual Exploitation Abuse and Harassment Champion  
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**Date:** Friday, 12 January 2024 6:46:18 PM

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Good evening Beth

Thank you for your advice. The FM has approved **a further \$10 million from the Humanitarian Emergency Fund (HEF)** to respond to urgent and ongoing humanitarian needs resulting from the Hamas-Israel conflict with:

- \$6 million to UNRWA's updated OPT Flash Appeal.
- \$4 million for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to address urgent humanitarian issues due to the Hamas-Israel conflict.

Grateful if DFAT could prepare a draft media release covering the new HEF contribution of \$10m, and support for refugees in Lebanon and Jordan.

Happy to discuss.

Kind regards

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Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Thanks Beth and colleagues – we will revert on this.

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IN OCT 7 [REDACTED]

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presser just concluded.

White House spoken person John Kirby said the following in

On UNRWA:

- suspended any US funds that are not yet allocated – pending results of investigation

- expect complete and transparent investigation and those who should be held accountable will be, including criminal prosecution.

Kirby said “it looks as if...there is cause to be concerned about the actions of some of the members of UNWRA but that does not, nor should it, impugn the entire agency or the whole body of work they are doing, they have helped save literally thousands of lives in Gaza, they do important work. It doesn’t mean there aren’t some folks in that group that need to be punished for potentially doing this kind of behaviour but that doesn’t impugn the whole organisation”.

Q What does this government vet then? (some discussion on UNWRA v the southern border)

Kirby: it is a UN agency and yes we have contributed to their work and that work has been meaningful and also willing to hold them to account for this incident and the alleged behaviour by these employees. Want the investigation to be complete and thorough and transparent. If the investigation determines people need to be held accountable then want to see that too.

Q US policy was not to give money to terrorists but now we are... Kirby dismissed the question, saying that is like saying the whole of UNWRA is a terrorist organisation, Hamas is the terrorist organisation. Now, if the investigation proves the dozen employees were assisting Hamas or involved, then absolutely they need to be held to account, then the US will consider its response and any additional changes necessary in terms of how to support UNRWA going forward.

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IN OCT 7 [REDACTED]

**Importance:** High

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Hi Beth, (as per my phone message),

See link to a US State Department press release on the USG response to allegations that 12 UNWRA staff may have been involved in the Oct 7 Hamas terrorist attack on Israel. [[Statement on UNRWA Allegations - United States Department of State](#)]. You would have seen the UN statements but attached here for completeness: [[Serious allegations against UNRWA staff in the Gaza Strip | UNRWA](#); [Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General – on allegations concerning UNRWA | United Nations Secretary-General](#)] .

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Colleagues

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Subsequently, [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) in Ramallah has arranged for both of us to talk to Lazarini early Saturday (NYT). Please advise any points you would like raised.

James

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We will continue to follow up w UNRWA.

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Thanks James. We are trying to understand what the allegations are - precious nothing in the public domain. Good to know what they are.  
Many thanks  
Marc

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Kate/Marc

You will be aware of the UNRWA allegations overnight.

s 22(1)(a)(ii) on our team will send you relevant UN media materials.

We have requested further info from UNRWA and will seek (by Friday COB) a senior level call by me at first opportunity next week.

Otherwise we will engage closely with like-minded for views/reactions.

J

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Apologies s 22(1)(a)(ii) meant to cc you

Juliette Brassington

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**To:** [Juliette Brassington](#)  
**Subject:** Re: US PRESS STATEMENT ALLEGATIONS OF POTENTIAL UNRWA STAFF INVOLVEMENT IN OCT 7 [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Saturday, 27 January 2024 11:48:32 AM

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Thanks JB.

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**From:** "Juliette Brassington" <[Juliette.Brassington@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Juliette.Brassington@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Date:** Saturday, 27 January 2024 at 6:24:20 am  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: US PRESS STATEMENT ALLEGATIONS OF POTENTIAL UNRWA STAFF INVOLVEMENT IN OCT 7 [REDACTED]

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**From:** s 47E(d) <[s 47E\(d\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 47E(d)@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Date:** Saturday, 27 January 2024 at 5:29:52 am  
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**From:** [Juliette Brassington](#)  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Fwd: US PRESS STATEMENT ALLEGATIONS OF POTENTIAL UNRWA STAFF INVOLVEMENT IN OCT 7 [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Saturday, 27 January 2024 12:38:14 PM

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s 33(b)

**From:** "Beth Delaney" <[Beth.Delaney@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Beth.Delaney@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Date:** Friday, 26 January 2024 at 7:04:17 pm  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[@dfat.gov.au](mailto:@dfat.gov.au)>, s 47E(d) <[@dfat.gov.au](mailto:@dfat.gov.au)>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[@dfat.gov.au](mailto:@dfat.gov.au)>, "Dave Vosen" <[Dave.Vosen@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Dave.Vosen@dfat.gov.au)>, "Gemma Huggins" <[Gemma.Huggins@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Gemma.Huggins@dfat.gov.au)>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[@dfat.gov.au](mailto:@dfat.gov.au)>, "Marc Innes-Brown" <[marc.innes@dfat.gov.au](mailto:marc.innes@dfat.gov.au)>, s 47F(1) <[@dfat.gov.au](mailto:@dfat.gov.au)>  
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**Subject:** Re: US PRESS STATEMENT ALLEGATIONS OF POTENTIAL UNRWA STAFF INVOLVEMENT IN OCT 7 [REDACTED]



Thanks very much <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**To:**  
**Cc:** [Juliette Brassington](#); [Gemma Huggins](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Draft Cable on UNRWA [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Saturday, 27 January 2024 2:14:05 PM

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

Would HPD like to review the below tasking?

Will wait for the FM statement before hitting send.

Cheers

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** "Gemma Huggins" <[Gemma.Huggins@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Gemma.Huggins@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Date:** Saturday, 27 January 2024 at 12:49:16 pm  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** "Marc Innes-Brown" <[marc.innes@dfat.gov.au](mailto:marc.innes@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Cable on UNRWA [REDACTED]

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) Draft looks good. Agree press send after statement released.

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Date:** Saturday, 27 January 2024 at 12:24:36 pm  
**To:** "Gemma Huggins" <[Gemma.Huggins@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Gemma.Huggins@dfat.gov.au)>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Draft Cable on UNRWA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Hi Gemma

I recommend we hold off on hitting send on this on until after the FM has released a statement, so as to help actions posts in their representations.

Please let me know if the below looks okay.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



**Title:** Israel-Hamas Conflict: recent allegations against UNRWA

**MRN:** <sup>staff</sup> s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**To:** s 33(a)(iii)

**Cc:** RR : Europe Posts, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Middle East Posts,  
UNSC Posts

**From:** Canberra  
(CHCH/DFAT/MAD/MEB)

**From File:**

**EDRMS**

**Files:**

**References:** s 47E(d)

**Response:** Routine, Requires Action

## Summary

Cable seeks reporting on reactions to allegations some UNRWA staff were involved in the 7 October terror attacks.

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s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

Thanks UNNY post for initial reporting (s 47E(d)) and to  
Ottawa and Ramallah posts for their outreach to date.

2. We understand UNRWA Commissioner General Lazarrini recently travelled to the United States to personally brief the US Government on the allegations. On 18 January, CG Lazarrini commissioned an independent review into the agency's operation in Gaza, following a meeting with Foreign Minister Wong. The Foreign Minister has issued a statement on Australia's response to the allegations (attached).

s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

4. UNRWA is the only organisation that has the mandate to provide relief and social services to Palestinian refugees in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan in the absence of a sustainable solution to the refugee situation. Australia has made a financial contribution to UNRWA every year since 1951. This year Australia provided \$20.6 million in core funding and has announced a further \$6 million to its Gaza emergency appeal (temporarily suspended).

5. UNRWA has a direct implementation model which includes delivery of schooling and primary healthcare. Some 12,000 Palestinians are employed by UNRWA in Gaza alone and an estimated 1.4 million Palestinians in Gaza are currently sheltering in UNRWA facilities.

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**Sent by:**

**Prepared** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**by:**

**Approved**

**by:**

**Topics:** DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION/Aid General, UN & COMMONWEALTH/UN  
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**Cc:** [uliette Brassington](#); [Gemma Huggins](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Cable on UNRWA [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Saturday, 27 January 2024 6:51:05 PM

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Thanks <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> Just seeing this - looks ok from my perspective. Assume it has been sent?

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**Date:** Saturday, 27 January 2024 at 2:14:05 pm  
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<marc.innes@dfat.gov.au>; Craig Maclachlan <Craig.Maclachlan@dfat.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Fwd: US PRESS STATEMENT ALLEGATIONS OF POTENTIAL UNRWA STAFF INVOLVEMENT  
IN OCT 7 [REDACTED]

s 47F(1)

As mentioned, some further info from Washington post.  
Best  
Beth

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>  
**Date:** Saturday, 27 January 2024 at 7:03:38 am  
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