



MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Departmental No. ?????

Minute Paper for the Executive Council

Executive Council

Meeting No.

Subject

The Constitution

Termination of Appointment and Commission of
Appointment of Ambassador of Australia to
the Kingdom of Belgium

Recommended for the approval of Her Excellency the
Governor-General in Council that she:

Approved in Council

- (a) terminate the appointment of Caroline Jane Millar as
Ambassador of Australia to the Kingdom of Belgium
on and from a date to be determined by the Minister
for Foreign Affairs;
- (b) appoint, by Commission in the attached form,
General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC to be
Ambassador of Australia to the Kingdom of Belgium
on and from a date to be determined by the Minister
for Foreign Affairs, being a date not earlier than the
date on which the appointment of Caroline Jane Millar
shall terminate and subject to *agrément* being received
from the Kingdom of Belgium;
- (c) authorise that
General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC be paid
such salary and allowances as may be determined from
time to time by the Minister for Foreign Affairs; and
- (d) authorise that the appointment of
General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC be
subject to such other terms and conditions as may be
approved from time to time by the Minister for
Foreign Affairs.

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Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General

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of the Council

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Secretary to the Executive Council

Penny Wong
Minister for Foreign Affairs



COMMISSION OF APPOINTMENT OF
AMBASSADOR OF AUSTRALIA TO
THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

I, the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and in the exercise of all powers me thereunto enabling, appoint

GENERAL (RTD) ANGUS JOHN CAMPBELL AO, DSC

to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Australia to **the Kingdom of Belgium** on and from such day as is determined by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Signed and Sealed with the
Great Seal of Australia on
2024

Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

Penny Wong
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Secretary to the Federal Executive Council

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Minute No. **xx** of 2024 - Minister for Foreign Affairs

Subject- *The Constitution*

Termination of Appointment and Commission of Appointment of Ambassador of Australia to **the Kingdom of Belgium**

The purpose of this instrument is to make a diplomatic appointment.

The power to appoint Australian diplomatic and consular representatives is exercisable by the Governor-General by virtue of Chapter II of the *Constitution* which provides, among other things, that the executive power of the Commonwealth is vested in the King and His Heirs and successors and is exercisable by the Governor-General.

The Minute recommends the termination of the appointment of **Caroline Jane Millar** as Ambassador of Australia to **the Kingdom of Belgium**, from a date to be determined by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the appointment of **General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC** as Ambassador of Australia to **the Kingdom of Belgium** subject to *agrément* being received from **the Kingdom of Belgium**. The granting of *agrément* by the receiving State for the person a sending State proposes to accredit as head of mission is a requirement of the *Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations*, to which Australia is a party. The *agrément* of **the Kingdom of Belgium** will be sought for this appointment. The Ambassador to **the Kingdom of Belgium** is concurrently accredited to the **European Union**, the **North Atlantic Treaty Organisation** and the **Grand Duchy of Luxembourg**. The Minute also seeks authority for the Minister for Foreign Affairs to determine the salary, allowances and other terms and conditions to apply to this appointment.

General Campbell is expected to take up **his** position in **January 2025**, succeeding **Ms Millar** who has been Ambassador since **2021**. **Ms Millar** will return to Canberra at the completion of her posting and take up a senior position in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

General Campbell was **most recently** Chief of the Australian Defence Force (2018-2024). He has previously served as Chief of the Australian Army (2015-2018); Commander Joint Agency Taskforce Operation Sovereign Borders, Department of Home Affairs (2013-2015); Deputy Chief of the Australian Army (2012-2013); Major General Middle East Area of Operations, Department of Defence (DoD) (2011-2012); Major General Military Strategic Commitments, DoD (2010-2011); Deputy Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) (2009-2010); and First Assistant Secretary, Office of National Security, PM&C (2005-2009).

General Campbell holds a **Bachelor of Science (Hons)**, University of New South Wales (1985) and a **Master of Philosophy in International Relations**, Cambridge University (1993).

General Campbell is suitable for appointment as Ambassador for Australia to the **Kingdom of Belgium** by virtue of **his** prior experience and relevant background.

General Campbell's curriculum vitae is attached.

The Minute recommends that the appointment be made in the form proposed.

Authority: Chapter II of the *Constitution*

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC

Address: c/- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Date of birth: s 47F(1)

Most recent position: Chief of the Australian Defence Force

Educational and professional qualifications: Bachelor of Science (Hons), University of New South Wales (1985)
Master of Philosophy in International Relations, Cambridge University (1993)

Relevant language skills: N/A

Relevant experience: 2018 – 2024: Chief of the Australian Defence Force
2015 – 2018: Chief of the Australian Army
2013 - 2015: Commander Joint Agency Taskforce
Operation Sovereign Borders, Department of Home Affairs
2012 – 2013: Deputy Chief of the Australian Army
2011 – 2012: Major General Middle East Area of Operations, Department of Defence (DoD)
2010 – 2011: Major General Military Strategic Commitments, DoD
2009 - 2010: Deputy Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C)
2005 - 2009: First Assistant Secretary, Office of National Security, PM&C

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 11:10 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]
Attachments: Angus Campbell CV.docx

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

Please see CV attached for the next HOM Brussels (Angus Campbell) scheduled to start post in January 2025. As normal, this needs to be tightly held, please.

Grateful if you would prepare ExCo papers and we will advise when the appointment has been approved by FM and PM (minsub is currently with FMO). We would like to aim for ExCo meeting 12 September 2024, however, please **hold** sending drafts to ExCo until FM/PM approval.

You will see in the attached CV we are missing the university dates, please reach out to the COO on s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au for the relevant information as COO will be able to contact Mr Campbell.

Outgoing HOM will return to DFAT at the conclusion of her posting and take up a senior position.

Please let me know if there is anything I can assist with.

Kind regards
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Program Manager – International | SES HOM Services Section
People Operations Branch | People Division
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
p s 22(1)(a)(ii)

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC

Address: c/- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Date of birth: s 47F(1)

Most recent position: Chief of Australian Defence Force

Educational and professional qualifications: Bachelor of Science (Hons), University of New South Wales
Master of Philosophy in International Relations, Cambridge University

Relevant language skills: Nil

Relevant experience:

- 2018 – 2024: Chief of the Australian Defence Force
- 2015 – 2018: Chief of the Australian Army
- 2013 - 2015: Commander Joint Agency Taskforce
Operation Sovereign Borders, Department of Home Affairs
- 2012 – 2013: Deputy Chief of the Australian Army
- 2011 – 2012: Major General Middle East Area of Operations, Defence
- 2010 – 2011: Major General Military Strategic Commitments, Defence
- 2009 - 2010: Deputy Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser, Prime Minister and Cabinet
- 2005 - 2009: First Assistant Secretary, Office of National Security, Prime Minister and Cabinet

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Further information [SEC=PROTECTED]

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BSc 1981-85
MPhil 1992-93
Graduate, Aust staff college 1996.

Can you confirm that is everything that you need?

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 2:30 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Further information [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thank you s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

I've followed up and will confirm when I have those details.

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Subject: Further information [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Pending the FM/PM sign-off, I am pre-preparing the paperwork for the next HOM Brussels and require the years that he completed his studies:

Bachelor of Science (Hons), University of New South Wales
Master of Philosophy in International Relations, Cambridge University

I would be grateful for your assistance in seeking the required information.

Thank you

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @pmc.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 25 October 2024 6:12 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Exco
Subject: RE: s 47C(1) [SEC=PROTECTED]
Attachments: s 47C(1)

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

Thank you for sending the papers through – and for your call earlier! s 47C(1)

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Have a lovely weekend.

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

s 22(1)(a)(ii) | Assistant Director
Legal Information Integrity | Cabinet Division
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
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To: s 22(1)(a) @pmc.gov.au>
Subject: s 47C(1)
Importance: High

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

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s 47C(1)

Thanks so much.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Attachments: s 47C(1)

Importance: High

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

s 47C(1)

Thank you again for all your help – we make miracles happen!

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Departmental No. 430 of 2024

Minute Paper for the Executive Council

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Meeting No.

Subject

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Penny Wong
Minister for Foreign Affairs



COMMISSION OF APPOINTMENT OF
AMBASSADOR OF AUSTRALIA TO
THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

I, the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and in the exercise of all powers me thereunto enabling, appoint

GENERAL (RTD) ANGUS JOHN CAMPBELL AO, DSC

to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Australia to the Kingdom of Belgium on and from such day as is determined by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Signed and Sealed with the
Great Seal of Australia on
2024

Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

Penny Wong
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Secretary to the Federal Executive Council

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Minute No. 430 of 2024 - Minister for Foreign Affairs

Subject- *The Constitution*

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The Minute recommends that the appointment be made in the form proposed.

Authority: Chapter II of the *Constitution*

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC

Address: c/- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
s 47F(1)

Date of birth:

Most recent position: Chief of the Australian Defence Force

Educational and professional qualifications: Bachelor of Science (Hons), University of New South Wales (1985)
Master of Philosophy in International Relations, Cambridge University (1993)

Relevant language skills: N/A

Relevant experience: 2018 – 2024: Chief of the Australian Defence Force
2015 – 2018: Chief of the Australian Army
2013 - 2015: Commander Joint Agency Taskforce
Operation Sovereign Borders, Department of Home Affairs
2012 – 2013: Deputy Chief of the Australian Army
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2010 – 2011: Major General Military Strategic Commitments, DoD
2009 - 2010: Deputy Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C)
2005 - 2009: First Assistant Secretary, Office of National Security, PM&C

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Jonathan Muir
Sent: Friday, 25 October 2024 7:18 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Fwd: Letter from the Foreign Minister - Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg[SEC=PROTECTED]
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From: "Tom Mooney" <Tom.Mooney@dfat.gov.au>
Date: Friday 25 October 2024 at 6:01:55 pm
To: "Jan Adams" <Jan.Adams@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: "Clare Walsh" <Clare.Walsh@dfat.gov.au>, "Jonathan Muir" <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Subject: FW: Letter from the Foreign Minister - Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi Jan

As discussed earlier, we are in a position to proceed with ExCo approval of the appointment of the Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Attached is the letter sent by the FM to the PM, and below response from the PMO.

Cheers

Tom

From: zz [External] Kathy.Klugman@pm.gov.au <Kathy.Klugman@pm.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 4:14 PM
To: Tom Mooney <Tom.Mooney@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Letter from the Foreign Minister - Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks Tom

Flagged to PM.

No problems with that proposed appointment. Please proceed.

Kathy

From: Tom Mooney <Tom.Mooney@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 5 September 2024 6:12 PM
To: Klugman, Kathy <Kathy.Klugman@pm.gov.au>
Subject: Letter from the Foreign Minister - Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear Kathy

Please find attached a letter to the Prime Minister concerning the proposed appointment to the role of Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Please let us know if you need anything further.

All the best

Tom

Tom Mooney

Chief of Staff to Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Leader of the Government in the Senate

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Labor Senator for South Australia

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Senator the Hon Penny Wong
Minister for Foreign Affairs

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

15 AUG 2024

Dear Prime Minister

I write to advise that I propose to seek Federal Executive Council approval for the appointment of General Angus Campbell AO, DSC (Rtd) to the role of Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg.

General Campbell (Rtd) recently completed service as Chief of the Australian Defence Force (2018-2024). Prior to this, he was Chief of the Australian Army (2015-2018). He was a career Army officer with an infantry and special forces background. In late 2005, General Campbell (Rtd) was First Assistant Secretary, Office of National Security and subsequently Deputy Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

General Campbell (Rtd) holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) from the University of New South Wales and a Master of Philosophy in International Relations from Cambridge University. He is also a graduate of the Australian Army Command and Staff College.

Yours sincerely

A stylized, handwritten signature of Penny Wong in black ink.

PENNY WONG

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 25 November 2024 10:07 AM
To: Caroline Millar
Subject: CV - new HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]
Attachments: CV - Brussels.DOCX

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Dear Caroline,

ExCo approved the nomination of the new HOM Brussels on 7 November 2024. A Protected cable has been sent to you (HOM only) on low, requesting post seek agrément from the government of the Kingdom of Belgium – cable reference s 22(1)(a)(ii)

To assist in preparing the third person note, please see CV attached for the new HOM.

I would be very grateful if you would let me know you have received the cable and this email.

If the MFA request passport details for new HOM please contact the HOM SES unit directly s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Protocol and Events Branch | Executive Division
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CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC

Address: c/- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Date of birth: s 47F(1)

Most recent position: Chief of the Australian Defence Force

Educational qualifications: Bachelor of Science (Hons), University of New South Wales (1985)
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2009 - 2010: Deputy Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C)
2005 - 2009: First Assistant Secretary, Office of National Security, PM&C

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

General Campbell was most recently Chief of the Australian Defence Force (2018-2024).

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General Campbell holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons), from the University of New South Wales (1985) and a Master of Philosophy in International Relations, from Cambridge University (1993).

Title: Agrément - New Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium
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To: Brussels
Cc:
From: Canberra
s 22(1)(a)(ii)
From File: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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References:
Response: Priority, Requires Action

For HOM

The appointment of General (Rtd) Angus Campbell AO, DSC as the next HOM Belgium was approved by the Governor-General in Council on 7 November 2024. Subject to the grant of agrément by the Government of Belgium, General Campbell will assume the role in January 2025.

2. Please seek agrément from the Government of Belgium, drawing on the CV which will be sent by separate email. At the same time, please seek agrément for non-resident accreditation from the government of Luxembourg. We would appreciate post's cabled advice of the date agrément is sought and obtained from each country.

3. For the letters of credence and recall that we will prepare in due course, grateful confirmation that the Heads of State and relevant international organisations should be referred to as follows:

Belgium - His Majesty King Philippe, King of Belgians, and that he should be addressed as "Your Majesty"

Luxembourg - His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, and that he should be addressed as "Your Royal Highness"

European Council - His Excellency Mr Charles Michel, President of the European Council and that he should be referred to as "Your Excellency"

European Commission - Her Excellency Ms Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission and that she should be referred to as "Your Excellency"

NATO - His Excellency Mr Mark Rutte, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and that he should be referred to as "Dear Secretary General".

4. If any of the details above are not current, grateful advice as soon as possible, as well as ensuring the Head of Government/Head of State list is updated.

5. Please limit responses to this cable to the original distribution only, and exercise maximum discretion in handling the nomination until the official announcement by the Foreign Minister.

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Sent by: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Prepared

by:

Approved Jonathan Muir

by:

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Cc:
Subject: RE: Brussels & next appointments [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Yes that's confirmed – January 2025.
Thanks

s 22(1)(a)
(ii) Assistant Director - International
SES/HOM Services Section (SHS)
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Cc: Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Brussels & next appointments [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) I'm about to send now but can you confirm they are still wanting a January start?

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Brussels & next appointments [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Very pleased to say Brussels can now progress. I would be grateful if you send a quick email when this is actioned. Thank you so much for your assistance on this.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director - International
SES/HOM Services Section (SHS)
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 1:45 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Cc: Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Brussels & next appointments [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Unfortunately, there's no update on Brussels or any other appointment. I'll be sure to let you know as soon as things are ready to action.

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Director | SES HOM Services Section
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T s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Sent: Tuesday, 19 November 2024 1:16 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
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Subject: Brussels & next appointments [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Just checking in to see if there is any progression for Brussels yet? We are still on hold with the cable.

Also, is there any movement on the next batch for Exco? Drafts are due to exco tomorrow for making it into the second last meeting, so I suspect that won't make it and we will be aiming for the last Exco meeting of the year?

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer | Diplomatic and Consular Accreditation Section
Protocol and Events Branch | Executive Division
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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Caroline Millar
Sent: Tuesday, 26 November 2024 8:53 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Re: CV - new HOM Brussels[SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) No probs at all. We'll do both. s 47C(1)
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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: Monday, 25 November 2024 at 22:40:48
To: "Caroline Millar" <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: CV - new HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi Caroline,

100% please go ahead and seek agrément for the EU as well. I was going by past practice in cables whereby it wasn't mentioned in the agrément tasking so I assumed it was similar to those organisations where we just advise of our candidate and not seek agrément as such.

Apologies for the misunderstanding.

Do you have a sense of how long agrément will likely take? s 22(1)(a)(ii) . I am conscious that the Governor-General will be on leave between 14 December to 14 January so getting credentials papers signed will be logistically tricky.

Thanks Caroline.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2024 4:32 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Subject: Re: CV - new HOM Brussels[SEC=PROTECTED]

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks. Yes, cable and email received. Once in the office this am we will seek agreement from Belgium.

Quick question: any reason why the cable did not also ask us to seek agreement concurrently from the EU - as I previously suggested to ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} Our protocol officer has checked that this is not a problem. s 47E(d)

Cheers

Caroline

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Date: Monday, 25 November 2024 at 00:06:49
To: "Caroline Millar" <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: CV - new HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear Caroline,

ExCo approved the nomination of the new HOM Brussels on 7 November 2024. A Protected cable has been sent to you (HOM only) on low, requesting post seek agrément from the government of the Kingdom of Belgium – cable reference s 22(1)(a)(ii)

To assist in preparing the third person note, please see CV attached for the new HOM.

I would be very grateful if you would let me know you have received the cable and this email.

If the MFA request passport details for new HOM please contact the HOM SES unit directly
^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} @dfat.gov.au.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer | Diplomatic and Consular Accreditation Section
Protocol and Events Branch | Executive Division
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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Caroline Millar
Sent: Tuesday, 24 December 2024 5:53 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) Jonathan Muir; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Natalie Roche; David Brightling; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Re: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Team - the problem is we cannot send the cable on this as the special distro at your end - which the cable insists we do not change - will not allow us to without a change the system itself does not permit. If we insert the Protocol agreement/credentials topic it will send but to a slightly wider group. HOM, A/g DHOM, SAO and IT London spent hours on this to no avail yesterday. Let us know if you are comfortable with us using the Protocol distro. This appointment is no longer exactly a secret... Tks. Caroline

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Date: Monday, 23 December 2024 at 22:26:04
To: "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au", s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, "Jonathan Muir" <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au", s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: "Natalie Roche" <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>, "David Brightling" <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>, "Caroline Millar" <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

This is great news - PPD will commence arrangements for Angus on the basis of the advice you have provided below.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au">
Date: Tuesday, 24 December 2024 at 3:51:04 AM
To: "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au", "Jonathan Muir" <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au", s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: "Natalie Roche" <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>, "David Brightling" <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>, "Caroline Millar" <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi again everyone,

We've had technical issues with trying to send a reply to the original tasking reftel and a more 'formal' reply than my email below.

We've not had success in resolving through technical discussions with RTOs at this time. In anticipation that this may not be a quick 'fix' tomorrow (24/12), grateful advice on anything else you might like me to do from this side in respect of the news that we've shared.

Thanks in advance.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Monday, December 23, 2024 1:12 PM

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s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au;
@dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au

Cc: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>; David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au> s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au

Subject: FW: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear all,

Post has today (23/12) received agrément from the Belgian authorities for the appointment of HOM-Designate.

We will also send a cable to confirm (and in reply to original tasking to seek this).

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Date: Monday, 23 December 2024 at 15:58:45
To: "s 22(1)(a)(ii)" <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>, "David Brightling" <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>, "Jonathan Muir" <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Cc: "Natalie Roche" <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Subject: RE: Brussels update [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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We will check again today and let you know of any update. Cheers and have a great break. Caroline

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2024 12:11 AM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>; Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Cc: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Subject: Brussels update [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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All,

As we are about to head into shutdown period we would be grateful for any update on whether you think agrément for HOM Brussels is likely to come through in the next day or so?

I will be on leave from 24 Dec to 13 Jan, so if agrément comes in over the Christmas shutdown, would you please let all above email recipients know so the next steps can be put into play. HOMSES are holding tight on booking flights so the earlier they can proceed the more options will be available.

As a quick update from our end, the GG has pre-signed (undated) credentials papers for Belgium and EU for HOM. I have packaged these up for post via Dip Bag (separate email with soft copies and instructions) marked to David's attention. (NATO/Luxembourg letters will be processed later).

I have pre-prepared a draft media release in consultation with post and FAS's OTN and DND. This is currently with a/g Dep Sec DMG office for bio input/final clearance. Once cleared we can progress to FMO so they have it ready should agrément come through early January and they want to announce before his expected start on 13 January. (with strict instruction not to announce until DFAT confirm agrément is through).

Kind regards

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Title: Agrément - New Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium
MRN: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: Canberra
Cc:
From: Brussels
From File:
EDRMS
Files:
References: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
The cable has the following attachment/s -
BELGIUM - Agrément approval - Ambassador Designate.pdf
Response: Routine, Information Only

We received a TPN on 23 December, dated 20 December, advising that the King of the Belgians has granted agrément to General (Rtd) Angus Campbell AO, DSC as Ambassador to Belgium. We have also notified the European Union.

text ends

Sent by: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Prepared by:
Approved by: Caroline Millar, HOM
Special Dist: Sensitive Information/Australian HOM HOP Agreement

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From: David Brightling
Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2024 5:22 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; Caroline Millar
Cc: s 22(1)(a) Jonathan Muir
Subject: RE: : HOM-designate Brussels: - draft credentials [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

As of yesterday we had no updates on timing for agrément. I will let you know as soon as our protocol officer at Post receives an update.

No concerns from our perspective with getting the papers signed in advance and left undated – with two versions for 2024 and 2025. I'll come back to you overnight Canberra with any edits to the drafts. NATO Protocol have not indicated that we need a FM countersignature, so we can proceed on the basis that only the GG need sign the letter. The NATO accreditation is the least onerous of the four.

Kind regards,
David

David Brightling

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 4:43 AM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: : HOM-designate Brussels: - draft credentials [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Grateful your earliest review of attached papers – including advice sought on NATO letter signatories – and decision about pre-signing papers.

Thanks
Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 5:54 PM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
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Kind regards

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From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2024 9:38 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: update on agrément [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Understood and noted. We will update you as soon as we receive a response.

David

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 11:35 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: update on agrément [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi all,

Thank you for the thorough information. Until agrément is granted, we can not progress for passport/visa. We will send these through when they are available but I wanted to flag the dependencies.

Thanks

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Assistant Director - International (SHS)
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2024 9:07 AM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: update on agrément [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks David.

Happy to draft credentials and send to you for review. As always we would not get papers signed until agrément is granted.

HOMSES – will you respond re photo and passport please?

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, November 29, 2024 9:02 AM

To: 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>

Subject: HOM-designate Brussels: update on agrément [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear HOM SES Unit and s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Below is an update on the *agrément* process for HOM-designate Brussels, with advice on the forms of address for the credential letters. This has been confirmed by each of the relevant Protocol divisions (Belgium MFA, Luxembourg MFA, EU and NATO).

1. Belgium

Agrément requested on 25/11/24 s 47E(d)

For credential letters, forms of address: "His Majesty the King of the Belgians" (no given name) and referred to as "Your Majesty"

2. Luxembourg

Agrément request can only be lodged after the approval of the agrément from Belgium.

For credential letters, forms of address: "His Royal Highness the Grand Duke" (no "of Luxembourg", no given name). Even after son Guillaume takes over, expected towards the end of 2025, same type of address, (no name) and referred to as "Your Royal Highness"

3. European Council

Agrément requested on 25/11/24 s 47E(d)

For credential letters, forms of address : "His Excellency Mr António Costa, President of the European Council".

Note: Costa is taking up his duties on 1 December 2024 and is referred to as "Your Excellency".

4. European Commission

Agrément requested on 25/11/24 s 47E(d)

For credential letters, forms of address: "Her Excellency Ms Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission" and should be referred to as "Your Excellency"

5. NATO

To lodge a verbal note requesting the agrément, accompanied by a CV with photo, passport copy, security clearance (stating the security level) to NATO's Secretary General's office. The request should have all supporting documents for the process to be started.

The North Atlantic Council (NAC) has to approve the nomination. Once approved we will receive the official letter of approval of the nomination.

For credential letters, forms of address: "His Excellency Mr Mark Rutte, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation" and should be referred to as "Dear Secretary General"

Some additional notes :

- It would be helpful if Post can review of soft copy of the credential letters prior to their finalisation for signature.
- Credential letters can be prepared in advance, but please make sure they are not signed before the agrément grant date.
- We look forward to receiving a photo in due course.

Kind regards,
David

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; Caroline Millar
Cc: s 22(1)(a) ; Jonathan Muir
Subject: RE: : HOM-designate Brussels: - draft credentials [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

We have a few small suggested edits to the letters:

1. Belgium
Recall letter : Add "Ms" Caroline Jane Millar
2. Luxembourg
Recall letter : Add "Ms" Caroline Jane Millar
3. European Commission
Recall letter: NIL remarks
Credence letter : Plenipotentiary, to remove "n"
4. European Council
Recall letter : NIL remarks
Credence letter : NIL remarks
5. NATO
Recall letter: change to General (not Genaral)
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Cc: Chris Nixon <Chris.Nixon@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: update on agrément [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Understood and noted. We will update you as soon as we receive a response.

David

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Thanks David.

Happy to draft credentials and send to you for review. As always we would not get papers signed until agrément is granted.

HOMSES – will you respond re photo and passport please?

Kind regards

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Subject: HOM-designate Brussels: update on agrément [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear HOM SES Unit and s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Agrément requested on 25/11/24 s 47E(d)

For credential letters, forms of address: “His Majesty the King of the Belgians” (no given name) and referred to as “Your Majesty”

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Agrément request can only be lodged after the approval of the agrément from Belgium.

For credential letters, forms of address: “His Royal Highness the Grand Duke” (no “of Luxembourg”, no given name). Even after son Guillaume takes over, expected towards the end of 2025, same type of address, (no name) and referred to as “Your Royal Highness”

3. European Council

Agrément requested on 25/11/24 s 47E(d)

For credential letters, forms of address : “His Excellency Mr António Costa, President of the European Council”.

Note: Costa is taking up his duties on 1 December 2024 and is referred to as “Your Excellency”.

4. European Commission

Agrément requested on 25/11/24 s 47E(d)

For credential letters, forms of address: “Her Excellency Ms Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission” and should be referred to as “Your Excellency”

5. NATO

To lodge a verbal note requesting the agrément, accompanied by a CV with photo, passport copy, security clearance (stating the security level) to NATO’s Secretary General’s office. The request should have all supporting documents for the process to be started.

The North Atlantic Council (NAC) has to approve the nomination. Once approved we will receive the official letter of approval of the nomination.

For credential letters, forms of address: "His Excellency Mr Mark Rutte, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation" and should be referred to as "Dear Secretary General"

Some additional notes :

- It would be helpful if Post can review of soft copy of the credential letters prior to their finalisation for signature.
- Credential letters can be prepared in advance, but please make sure they are not signed before the agrément grant date.
- We look forward to receiving a photo in due course.

Kind regards,
David

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Australian Government
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

File Number: **s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

17 December 2024

Mr Gerard Martin PSM
Official Secretary to the Governor-General
Government House
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Martin

Enclosed are the Letters of Credence and Recall for General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO as Australia's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium and Ambassador and Head of Mission to the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.

Our post in Brussels is hopeful that agrément for General Campbell will be granted by the end of December, which would enable him to travel to Brussels as planned to start on 13 January 2024.

Subject to the Governor-General's agreement, we have prepared papers for Belgium and the European Union for Her Excellency's signature dated (space) January 2025, which we would ask be signed but left undated. Once post has received advice that agrément has been granted, they would inscribe the day on the papers (post agrément).

I would be grateful if you would submit the documents to the Governor-General for her consideration as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)


Chief of Protocol

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: David Brightling
Sent: Tuesday, 14 January 2025 3:21 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; Jonathan Muir
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Happy new year!

Thanks for all your work on this in December. Confirming that we have received the package today, with thanks.

Do you have any updates on timing for the Foreign Minister's Media Release on HOM's appointment?

Kind regards,
David

David Brightling

Deputy Head of Mission
Australian Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg
Mission to the European Union and NATO
P s 22(1)(a)(ii) | M s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2024 4:16 AM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear David,

I have sent the letters of credence and recall for HOM-des Brussels (as well as for EU) in the post dip bag, addressed to you. The envelope will be stamped "Credentials within". I don't expect the package will leave here until Wednesday 8 January (given the mail room do not return for business until 6 January and the close day for Brussels bag is Wednesday).

The contents of the package are:

For Belgium: two envelopes (1 containing the letter of credence and 1 containing the letter of recall) that will need to be dated by post once you have been informed that agrément has been granted.

Please try to use a similar coloured pen and write the day in numeral format not word s 47C(1)

The signed papers are the ones for presenting to the Head of State. Once you have dated them please put one in each empty labelled envelope and stick one of the Governor-General secure seals on the back of each envelope. Spare seals contained if you need.

We would be grateful if you could please scan and send to us, final signed and dated copies for our records.

The other unsealed envelope with unsigned papers is for the MFA's records and would be handed over by HOM in his initial meeting with the Chief of Protocol (or equivalent).

For EU: four signed papers (one letter of credence and one of recall for both European Commission and European Council). Again, these letters have been undated, so please enter the date (per notes above) once you have received agrément. (Also included are two envelopes if you wish to use).

Also in the package will be HOM's Commission of Appointment, and photocopies of the papers you can keep and use as you wish.

The Commission of Appointment is for HOM to keep and frame if he wishes.

Please be mindful that if agrément is **NOT** granted in the month of January, we would need to have the papers redone by the Governor-General and in this case, we would proceed once we hear word from you.

I would be very grateful if you would let me know as soon as you receive the package. Feel free to contact myself or my colleague Lydele, if you have any questions. I will be on leave between 25 Dec and !3 Jan.

I have attached copies of the original signed document for your records, although again, we would ask post to please send back to us the dated copies when finalised for our records.

Thanks all and have a lovely Christmas!

Kind regards

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From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 12:05 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: Re : HOM-designate Brussels: - draft credentials [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Yes, thats fine.

David

From: "s 22(1)(a)(ii)" <@dfat.gov.au>
Date: Tuesday, 17 December 2024 at 11:12:53
To: "David Brightling" <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>, "Caroline Millar" <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: "s 22(1)(a)(ii)" <@dfat.gov.au>, "Jonathan Muir" <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: : HOM-designate Brussels: - draft credentials [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks David,

I can accommodate this change.

I am only intending to seek pre-signature on the Belgium and EU papers at this stage as I understand Luxembourg agrément won't be sought until Belgium grants, so I think we can wait until the GG returns on 13 January to get the Luxembourg and NATO papers done.

Kind regards

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@dfat.gov.au>; Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: : HOM-designate Brussels: - draft credentials [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Good morning s 22(1)(a)(ii)

If it isn't too late, Belgian MFA Protocol have come back overnight with one additional suggestion to the letter:

Comment from Belgian Protocol : Change "You" to "Your Majesty"

Kind regards,
David

David Brightling

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Australian Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg
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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
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Subject: RE: : HOM-designate Brussels: - draft credentials [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

We have a few small suggested edits to the letters:

1. Belgium
Recall letter : Add "Ms" Caroline Jane Millar
2. Luxembourg
Recall letter : Add "Ms" Caroline Jane Millar
3. European Commission
Recall letter: NIL remarks
Credence letter : Plenipotentiary, to remove "n"
4. European Council
Recall letter : NIL remarks
Credence letter : NIL remarks
5. NATO
Recall letter: change to General (not Genaral)
Credence letter: change to General (not Genaral)

Thanks,
David

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
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Dear David and Caroline,

I am resending this email to you David, as we have a very small window of opportunity left to be able to get papers signed by the Governor-General in advance of her end of year break.

As mentioned below, if you expect agrément will come through late December / early January, we can seek permission from the Office of the GG to have her pre-sign papers that can be dated by post according to when agrément is granted.

Grateful your earliest review of attached papers – including advice sought on NATO letter signatories – and decision about pre-signing papers.

Thanks
Kind regards

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 5:54 PM
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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: update on agrément [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear David,

Whilst I am sure that agrément is still a little while away (any ideas?), please find attached drafts of all credentials papers in preparation, for posts review.

Can I please confirm that the NATO letter still needs to be signed by both GG and FM?
I have made drafts based on Caroline's papers however there seems to be no finalised signed NATO letter in her file so I am unsure about the requirements.

The next question I have and will look to posts guidance, is that the GG will be on leave from 13 December to 13 January. I understand that the whole agrément process was delayed due to the onboarding of the HOM-des, however if it looks likely the HOM-des will be starting 13 January (pending agrément granted).

Should we look to get papers signed by the GG next week, leaving them undated, so post can date after agrément is through? We have done this in the past for an officer starting at another post in January. We can request the GG sign two sets of undated papers (one for 2024 and one for 2025) and send both to post. Post can then date the appropriate ones and destroy the other ones.

Let me know how the creds look and whether pre-signature would be appropriate under the circumstances.

Kind regards

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Cc: Chris Nixon <Chris.Nixon@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: update on agrément [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Understood and noted. We will update you as soon as we receive a response.

David

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Kind regards

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 30 January 2025 1:31 PM
To: David Brightling; Angus Campbell
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Presentation credentials to H.M. the King - Wednesday 05/03/25 at 10:40 - Ceremony [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

OFFICIAL

Dear All

The below information has been provided to MFA Protocol.

To prepare for the presentation of the credentials to His Majesty the King on 05 March, you may wish to familiarise yourselves with the attached document outlining the ceremony. It is dated 2019, but nothing has changed.

The original letters of recall and credence are in the admin section (currently with me).

Let me know if you have any questions.

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

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Protocol Officer, Visits Support, Travel
Australian Embassy - Avenue des Arts 56, 1000 Brussels
s 22(1)(a)(ii) - E-mail s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 27 January 2025 5:37 PM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; Angus Campbell <Angus.Campbell@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
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Subject: RE: Presentation credentials to H.M. the King - Wednesday 05/03/25 at 10:40 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

Please see below responses:

1. what language would the Ambassador like to express himself during his audience with the King? English
2. the physical address where the ADC of the Royal Palace can pick up the Ambassador? Australian Embassy
3. Ambassador can be accompanied by maximum 3 diplomats registered with Protocol. DHOM, s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 27 January 2025 5:08 PM

To: Angus Campbell <Angus.Campbell@dfat.gov.au>

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Subject: FW: Presentation credentials to H.M. the King - Wednesday 05/03/25 at 10:40 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Ambassador,

Please see below and attached. In due course we will need to confirm other attendees to join you on the day.

s 22(1)(a)(ii) or the diary please.

David

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>

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Subject: Presentation credentials to H.M. the King - Wednesday 05/03/25 at 10:40 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

We now have confirmation that Ambassador Campbell can present his credentials to His Majesty the King on Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 10:40 am in Palais Royal de Bruxelles.

Protocol has 3 questions :

1. what language would the Ambassador like to express himself during his audience with the King? English
2. the physical address where the ADC of the Royal Palace can pick up the Ambassador? Australian Embassy or Official residence
3. Ambassador can be accompanied by maximum 3 diplomats registered with Protocol. To provide the names

The dress code is attached, but you found that out already ☺.

Thank you for your replies. Any questions please let me know.

Kind regards, P

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 28 November 2024 9:18 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: New Ambassador-Designate - Agréments and Forms of address [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Many thanks, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Also copying David for visibility.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 9:14 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: New Ambassador-Designate - Agréments and Forms of address [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hello s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Further to HOM's request, I now have most of the required information, with regards to the *agrément* for the new HOM-Designate, as well as the forms of address for the credential letters, confirmed by each of the relevant Protocol divisions (Belgium, Luxembourg, EU and NATO).

1. Belgium

Agrément requested on 25/11/24, (CV without photo added) s 47E(d)

Forms of address : "His Majesty the King of the Belgians" (no given name) and referred to as "Your Majesty"

2. Luxembourg

Agrément request can only be lodged after the approval of the agrément from Belgium.

Forms of address : "His Royal Highness the Grand Duke" (no "of Luxembourg", no given name). Even after son Guillaume takes over, expected towards the end of 2025, same type of address, (no name) and referred to as "Your Royal Highness"

3. European Council

Agrément requested on 25/11/24 (CV without photo added) s 47E(d)

Forms of address : "His Excellency Mr António Costa, President of the European Council" who is taking up his duties on 1 December 2024 and referred to as "Your Excellency"

4. European Commission

Agrément requested on 25/11/24 (CV without photo added) s 47E(d)

Forms of address : "Her Excellency Ms Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission" and should be referred to as "Your Excellency"

5. NATO

Awaiting guidance from NATO Protocol

Forms of address : “His Excellency Mr Mark Rutte, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation” and should be referred to as “Dear Secretary General”

Remarks :

- Credential letters can be prepared in advance, but please make sure they are not signed before the agreement grant date
- A photo should accompany the CV. Awaiting photo.

Please let me know if there is any other info required at this stage. When I have NATO’s guidelines, I will share.

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

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 30 January 2025 10:41 AM
To: David Brightling; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post [[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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David

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2025 4:50 PM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re : HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post [[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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As the letters for European Commission and the European Council have been dated before the approval of the agreement by the EU, could the 4 letters be re-done by the Governor General.

Hope the above makes sense. Let me know if it is not clear.

Kind regards ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 7 January 2025 10:40 AM

To: ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} @dfat.gov.au

Cc: ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} @dfat.gov.au

Subject: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post [[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} as discussed – attachment and the body of the email from Canberra Protocol.

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I would be very grateful if you would let me know as soon as you receive the package. Feel free to contact myself or my colleague ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} if you have any questions. ^{s 47F(1)}

I have attached copies of the original signed document for your records, although again, we would ask post to please send back to us the dated copies when finalised for our records.

Thanks all and have a lovely Christmas!

Kind regards

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

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 5 February 2025 5:11 PM
To: David Brightling s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post - EU Approval agreement [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: s 33(a)(iii)

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Thank you David

In the meantime, we received the four agreement approval letters for Belgium, Luxembourg, EU and NATO. I have attached them to this email as a reference.

This means that all letters (Luxembourg, European Commission, European Council, NATO) can be dated by the GG on the exact date of the signing of the letters in February. Belgian letters were already ok.

There is one possible issue, I asked NATO for confirmation only GG should sign the letters (and not the Minister for Foreign Affairs as per the draft credential letters). I have not yet heard from them. Hopefully we will hear from them tomorrow. Can we wait one day to reply to Protocol Branch? Thanks.

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

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Sent: Wednesday, 5 February 2025 11:34 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post - EU Approval agreement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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This was the response from Canberra overnight:

Hi David,

I can print some new papers and send them to the GG for signing.
To confirm:

- 2 new sets of papers for the EU (exact text/addressees as previous signed letters but with new dates. Are you happy for her to date them with whatever date she signs them, (ie will likely be next week so early Feb date, not March.
- Set of Luxembourg creds papers with date <blank>, March 2025. Correct as dates of
- The NATO papers addressed to HIS EXCELLENCY MR MARK RUTTE, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION to be signed by GG only, dated <blank> March 2025
- How confident are you that NATO will sign off in March? If NATO and Luxembourg don't grant agrément in March, it will be most uncomfortable if we need to request her to sign more papers (again) not dated as we don't like to do this under normal circumstances.

Kind regards

Does this look correct to you?

Thanks

David

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 February 2025 3:27 PM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
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Dear David and s 22(1)(a)(ii)

As a follow-up to my earlier email about the credential letters for the European Commission and the European Council (which should be redone because of the January date) , we have received today the approval of the agreement request for the EU, dated 04/02/25.
 The approval verbal note is attached.

Once we have received the 4 new signed credential letters, we can organise the courtesy visit to the Chief of Protocol for presenting the true copies. Would it be an idea to ask Protocol Branch to email us the copies of the new signed (and possibly dated, now that we have the approval) in order to organise the appointment with the Chief of Protocol?

For the presentation of the credentials to the Presidents, we will have to wait until after 05/03/25 (date credentials Belgium).

Many thanks.

Kind regards s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 14 January 2025 5:52 PM
To: David Brightling
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: HOM Credentials: Package from Canberra [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: HOM credential letters cover letter.pdf

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Dear David

I checked the package containing the credential letters and letters of recall for Belgium and the European Commission and the European Council and found them to be correct, with the following general remarks red.

From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 5:49 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: HOM Credentials: Package from Canberra [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

The package of HOM's credential materials has arrived from Canberra. s 22(1)(a)(ii) will pass it to you tomorrow morning. According to the email I received from December, there should be the following:

s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

Grateful if you could please check that we have everything necessary from HOM's credential and then proceed as needed.

Thanks
David

Deputy Head of Mission
Australian Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg
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For HOM,

Congratulations on your appointment.

For your reference, the contents of this package are:

- two sealed envelopes for presenting to the HOS at your credentials ceremony (one is the letter of recall for the former HOM and one is your letter of credence, signed by the GG);
- one unsealed envelope containing unsigned copies of the letters of recall and credence for the MFA's records – you would hand these to the Chief of Protocol during your introductory call ahead of your credentials ceremony;
- a photocopy of the signed papers for post's records; and
- your Commission of Appointment – this is for you to keep.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Protocol Branch should you have any queries.

Best wishes,

Protocol.branch@dfat.gov.au

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 16 January 2025 1:22 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: David Brightling; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Appointment for HOM-Designate with Belgian Chief of Protocol - Friday 17/01/25 at 11:15 at the Palais d'Egmont [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hello s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find attached an English translation of Ambassador's Roisin CV.

I understand the (unsigned) letters of credence and recall for the MFA Chief of Protocol are now with you and that the Ambassador will go unaccompanied to the meeting tomorrow. Photocopies of the signed credential letters have been emailed to Roisin's EA.

All should be ok for the meeting.

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

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 14 January 2025 12:24 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Appointment for HOM-Designate with Belgian Chief of Protocol - Friday 17/01/25 at 11:15 at the Palais d'Egmont [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hello s 22(1)(a)(ii)

If it is not yet in HOM's calendar, please see below my exchange with David about HOM handing over copies of the credential letters and recall letters to the MFA Chief of Protocol, Ambassador Hubert Roisin.
Meeting scheduled at the Palais d'Egmont s 22(1)(a)(ii) at 11:15 this Friday. s 22(1)(a)(ii) can drive into the inner court where Roisin's EA will be waiting.

I asked for Roisin's CV in English, s 47E(d)

I will provide you with the copies soon. Let me know if you need anything else.

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

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 3:51 PM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
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Subject: RE: Appointment for HOM-Designate with Belgian Chief of Protocol - Friday 17/01/25 at 11:15 TBC [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks David, Friday 17/01 at 11:15 it is (at the Palais d'Egmont).

I will provide Protocol with the licence plate number s 22(1)(a)(ii) Volvo.

Is there any other information you would like ahead of this meeting?

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

From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 1:26 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>

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Good idea.

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Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 1:24 PM

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Thank you David,

I could try for 11:15? What do you think? Thanks, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 1:19 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>

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

Can you confirm the 1100 on Friday 17th?

HOM-Des will be at the Press Club until 1030 that morning as part of the CDF visit, so he will need to go direct from there to see Ambassador Rosin.

David

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To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>

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Subject: Appointment for HOM-Designate with Belgian Chief of Protocol - Friday 17/01/25 at 11:00 TBC
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hello David s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I have been in contact with the EA of the Belgian Chief of Protocol Ambassador Hubert ROISIN to check on time frames for the handover of the copies of the letters of recall and the credential letters. I understand the originals are being sent in the bag. It is OK to make photocopies and hand those over to the Chief of Protocol.

A tentative appointment has been made for **Friday 17/01/25 at 11:00** or alternatively Tuesday 21/01/25 at 15:00. The earlier the copies of the letters can be handed over the better, as the formal date of the presentation of the credentials to the King is based on this date. Four Ambassadors meet the King on the same day and the next session is already full and no date has been set yet for this round .

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Would it be possible to confirm the appointment for 17/01 asap, if possible this week please?

Thank you. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Te: s 22(1)(a)(ii) E-mail: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 28 November 2024 2:53 PM
To: David Brightling; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: re : New Ambassador-Designate - Agréments and Forms of address [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hello David and s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please note the new info in yellow below. Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 9:14 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: New Ambassador-Designate - Agréments and Forms of address [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hello s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Further to HOM's request, I now have most of the required information, with regards to the *agrément* for the new HOM-Designate, as well as the forms of address for the credential letters, confirmed by each of the relevant Protocol divisions (Belgium, Luxembourg, EU and NATO).

1. Belgium

Agrément requested on 25/11/24, (CV without photo added) s 47E(d)

Forms of address : "His Majesty the King of the Belgians" (no given name) and referred to as "Your Majesty"

2. Luxembourg

Agrément request can only be lodged after the approval of the *agrément* from Belgium.

Forms of address : "His Royal Highness the Grand Duke" (no "of Luxembourg", no given name). Even after son Guillaume takes over, expected towards the end of 2025, same type of address, (no name) and referred to as "Your Royal Highness"

Note : For info, the credentials are presented in Luxembourg to the His Royal Highness Prince Guillaume. This does not make any difference for the letters of credence form of address, which remains "His Royal Highness the Grand Duke"

3. European Council

Agrément requested on 25/11/24 (CV without photo added) and s 47E(d)

Forms of address : "His Excellency Mr António Costa, President of the European Council" who is taking up his duties on 1 December 2024 and referred to as "Your Excellency"

4. European Commission

Agrément requested on 25/11/24 (CV without photo added) and s 47E(d)

Forms of address : "Her Excellency Ms Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission" and should be referred to as "Your Excellency"

5. NATO

To lodge a verbal note requesting the agrément, accompanied by a CV with photo, passport copy, security clearance (stating the security level) to NATO's Secretary General's office. The request should have all supporting documents for the process to be started.

The North Atlantic Council (NAC) has to approve the nomination. Once approved we will receive the official letter of approval of the nomination.

Awaiting passport copy and security clearance

Forms of address : "His Excellency Mr Mark Rutte, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation" and should be referred to as "Dear Secretary General"

Remarks :

- Credential letters can be prepared in advance, but please make sure they are not signed before the agrément grant date
- A photo should accompany the CV. Awaiting photo
- To request passport copy and security clearance

Please let me know if there is any other info required at this stage. When I have NATO's guidelines, I will share.

Kind regards s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 28 November 2024 1:39 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) David Brightling
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Re : Media on incoming HOM [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Dear all

Thank you for your comments.

I talked to

s 33(a)(iii)

2. EEAS (agreement European Commission and European Council)
Up to now I could not get hold of someone but will keep on trying.

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

From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 12:00 PM
To: Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Media on incoming HOM[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Agree - phone call better.

From: "Caroline Millar" <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
Date: Thursday, 28 November 2024 at 11:55:38
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: "David Brightling" <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Media on incoming HOM [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Tks. Pls take out the middle sentence of the second para. But actually, I would prefer a phone call to a message if at all possible. C

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 11:46 AM
To: Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Media on incoming HOM [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi Ambassador,

Would you be happy with the proposed message (italics, below), that s 22(1) could send to her contacts?
() (ii)

Dear X

Further to our request for agrément for General (Rtd) Angus Campbell, AO, DCS, made on 25 November, we wish to inform you that his appointment as the next Ambassador-Designate has unfortunately been made public overnight in the Australian media.

The Australian government regrets this unfortunate development and would like to elucidate that it was not its intention to make any public commentary ahead of the approval of the agrément. The Australian government apologises and truly hopes that this will not cause any issues with regards to the agrément procedure and its outcome. Given this media development, would there be any concerns if the Australian government was to publicise a statement to confirm its intended appointee, subject to agrément being received?

We would be grateful if you would acknowledge our message and would appreciate any comments you may have.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Counsellor (Administration) and Consul-General
Australian Embassy, Brussels

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all First Nations peoples, their cultures and to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 10:34 AM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>

Cc: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: Media on incoming HOM [SEC=OFFICIAL: Sensitive]

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s 22(1)(a)(ii) grateful if you could contact Belgian and EEAS protocol to make the same points.

Because this story has hit the press, the department is wondering if it might be better to end speculation by having the government announce it "intends to appoint" Angus Campbell etc. This has happened on previous such occasions. So s 22(1)(a)(ii) could you please also take discrete soundings as to whether that would cause any problems at this end given agreement has not yet been granted.

Clearly the above is in strict confidence and not for onforwarding. Thanks,

Caroline

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2024 5:52 PM
To: David Brightling
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Re : Letters of Credence - update ISEC=OFFICIAL
Attachments: s 47C(1)

OFFICIAL

Hello David

In addition to my remarks in the earlier email, I have been in contact Belgium, Luxembourg, the EU and NATO to have their approval. I added **their comments below in red**.

As a reminder, outstanding are :

- a copy of the diplomatic passport
- the security clearance
- a photo to accompany the CV

Kind regard s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 1:24 PM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re : Letters of Credence [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hello David

Thank you for the draft credential letters. I noted a few typos :

1. Belgium (agrément request made)
Recall letter : Add "Ms" Caroline Jane Millar & change the year to "Two Thousand and Twenty Five" (not four)
Credence letter : change year to "Two Thousand and Twenty Five" (not four)
s 33(a)(iii) "
2. Luxembourg (agrément to be made after Belgian approval)
Recall letter : Add "Ms" Caroline Jane Millar & change the year to "Two Thousand and Twenty Five" (not four)
Credence letter : change year to "Two Thousand and Twenty Five" (not four)
s 33(a)(iii)
3. European Commission (agrément request made)
Recall letter: NIL remarks
Credence letter : Plenipotentiary, to remove "n"

s 33(a)(iii)

4. European Council
Recall letter : NIL remarks
Credence letter : NIL remarks
s 33(a)(iii)
5. NATO (awaiting outstanding documentation to make the agrément request)
Recall letter : change to General (not Genaral)
Credence letter : change to General (not Genaral)
s 33(a)(iii)

Although I think apart from the above, all is correct, in addition I have now also sent the drafts to the above entities for their approval. I will let you know when I hear from them.

Taking this opportunity to confirm that, for the agrément procedures, we are waiting for :

- a copy of the diplomatic passport
- the security clearance
- a photo to accompany the CV

To confirm, agrément procedures are currently processed for Belgium and the EU. For NATO we need the above outstanding documents to start the procedure and the Luxembourg agrément, we can only request after Belgian approval.

Kind regards s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 7:12 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Subject: Letters of Credence [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed last Friday, I would be grateful if you could check the attached drafts and mark up any edits you think are necessary, or to correct any errors.

Many thanks,
David

David Brightling

Deputy Head of Mission
Australian Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg
Mission to the European Union and NATO

P s 22(1)(a)(ii)

M s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2025 4:50 PM
To: David Brightling s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Re : HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post [[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Signed credentials papers Brussels (undated).pdf; European Commission - credence.pdf; European Commission - recall.pdf; European Council - credence.pdf; European Council - recall.pdf

OFFICIAL

Hello David

After our conversation, I called the EEAS Protocol with regards to the credential letters for the European Commission and the European Council and the timing of the expected approval. They confirmed these letters should be dated after the approval of the EU agreement, which they expect to happen beginning of February 2025. Meaning the 4 letters should be re-done. They asked again to email them copies of the current 4 letters (the ones with the January date), to triple check the wording is ok....I will do this this afternoon.

Do you already want to go back to Protocol Branch about the issue of the Luxembourg and NATO letters? But assume we prefer to provide Protocol Branch with the request including the 4 EU letters?

Suggested reply for Protocol Branch (tomorrow when we have the EU outcome about the wording?)

With regards to the credential letters, we received in the package as per your email.

*For Belgium : two envelopes (1 containing the letter of credence and 1 containing the letter of recall), dated [blank] January 2025. Agreement received end December 2024. Letters will be dated by Post beginning of January 2025.
For the EU : four signed letters (one letter of credence and one of recall for each European Commission and European Council), dated [blank] January 2025. Awaiting approval agreement from the EU.
For Luxembourg : no letters. Awaiting agreement approval.
For NATO : no letters. Nomination was approved end of January 2025.*

Could the credential letters for Luxembourg and for NATO be prepared, not date/month dated (or dated March 2025) and sent to us.

As the letters for European Commission and the European Council have been dated before the approval of the agreement by the EU, could the 4 letters be re-done by the Governor General. (after having received the OK from the EU about the wording)

Hope the above makes sense. Let me know if it is not clear.

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

From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 January 2025 10:40 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Subject: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post [[SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

s 22(1)(a)(ii) as discussed – attachment and the body of the email from Canberra Protocol.

Dear David,

I have sent the letters of credence and recall for HOM-des Brussels (as well as for EU) in the post dip bag, addressed to you. The envelope will be stamped "Credentials within". I don't expect the package will leave here until Wednesday 8 January (given the mail room do not return for business until 6 January and the close day for Brussels bag is Wednesday).

The contents of the package are:

For Belgium: two envelopes (1 containing the letter of credence and 1 containing the letter of recall) that will need to be dated by post once you have been informed that agrément has been granted.

Please try to use a similar coloured pen and write the day in numeral format not word (as this is less likely to show discrepancies in handwriting).

The signed papers are the ones for presenting to the Head of State. Once you have dated them please put one in each empty labelled envelope and stick one of the Governor-General secure seals on the back of each envelope. Spare seals contained if you need.

We would be grateful if you could please scan and send to us, final signed and dated copies for our records.

The other unsealed envelope with unsigned papers is for the MFA's records and would be handed over by HOM in his initial meeting with the Chief of Protocol (or equivalent).

For EU: four signed papers (one letter of credence and one of recall for both European Commission and European Council). Again, these letters have been undated, so please enter the date (per notes above) once you have received agrément. (Also included are two envelopes if you wish to use).

Also in the package will be HOM's Commission of Appointment, and photocopies of the papers you can keep and use as you wish.

The Commission of Appointment is for HOM to keep and frame if he wishes.

Please be mindful that if agrément is **NOT** granted in the month of January, we would need to have the papers re-done by the Governor-General and in this case, we would proceed once we hear word from you.

I would be very grateful if you would let me know as soon as you receive the package. Feel free to contact myself or my colleague s 22(1)(a)(ii) if you have any questions. I will be on leave between 25 Dec and 3 Jan.

I have attached copies of the original signed document for your records, although again, we would ask post to please send back to us the dated copies when finalised for our records.

Thanks all and have a lovely Christmas!

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer | Diplomatic and Consular Accreditation Section
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HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE
MS SAM MOSTYN AC

GOVERNOR-GENERAL
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

*In the name of Australia and by virtue of the powers
exercisable by me under the Constitution of Australia:*

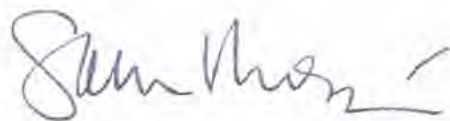
To His Majesty the King of the Belgians:

Your Majesty,

*Being desirous to maintain and promote without
interruption the relations of amity and concord which so happily
exist between the Kingdom of Belgium and Australia, I have
appointed General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO to reside with
Your Majesty in the character of Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of Australia.*

General Campbell's high character, ability and commitment to duty assure me that he will discharge the duties of his Mission in such a manner as to merit Your Majesty's approval and esteem.

I therefore request that Your Majesty receive him favourably and give full credence to all that he may communicate to Your Majesty in the name of Australia, and especially when he renews to Your Majesty the assurance of my continuing interest in and good wishes for the prosperity of the Kingdom of Belgium.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Howard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

At Government House in Canberra, the
day of January

Two Thousand and Twenty-five



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GOVERNOR-GENERAL
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

*In the name of Australia and by virtue of the powers
exercisable by me under the Constitution of Australia:*

To His Majesty the King of the Belgians:

Your Majesty,

*Having need elsewhere for the services of Caroline Jane
Millar, who has been residing with Your Majesty as Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Australia, I wish to notify
Your Majesty of her Recall.*

I have been satisfied with the zeal, ability and loyalty with which Ms Millar has carried out her functions during her assignment. I hope that this conduct will also have merited Your Majesty's approval.

I take this opportunity to renew to Your Majesty the assurances of my continuing friendship and of my interest in and good wishes for the prosperity of the Kingdom of Belgium.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sam Houston", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Two Thousand and Twenty-five



Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

**HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE
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OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

TO

**HER EXCELLENCY MS URSULA VON DER LEYEN
PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Your Excellency,

Being desirous to maintain and strengthen the good relations prevailing between Australia and the European Union, We have made choice of Our Trusty and Well-beloved General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO to be accredited as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Head of the Mission of Australia to the European Union and to the European Atomic Energy Community.

The personal qualities of General Campbell, and the proves of zeal and devotion which he has constantly given in the discharge of the duties entrusted to him, have made me convinced that he will fully merit Your approbation and esteem.

Accordingly, We have every confidence in commending General Campbell to You and in requesting that You will receive him favourably and give entire credence to all that he shall communicate to You in my name or at the request of the Government of Australia, more especially when he shall renew to You the assurances of my friendship and my high esteem.

Governor-General

Given and signed at *Admiralty House*
Sydney, on

January 2025



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Your Excellency,

On the occasion of the expiry of the term of office of Ms Caroline Jane Millar who has been accredited as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Head of the Mission of Australia to the European Union, I have decided to recall her for other duties. She is therefore unable to present her letters of recall in person, and I have instructed her successor to fulfil the duty of placing these in Your hands.

I am pleased to believe that during her mission Ms Millar has devoted her efforts to the strengthening of the cooperation and friendship which so happily exist between Australia and the European Union, and has fulfilled her functions in a manner that has merited Your Excellency's esteemed confidence and approbation.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my friendship and my high esteem.

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Sydney

, on

January 2025

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 27 January 2025 3:59 PM
To: David Brightling; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Presentation credentials to H.M. the King - Wednesday 05/03/25 at 10:40
[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Dress code Credentials HM the King.pdf

OFFICIAL

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

We now have confirmation that Ambassador Campbell can present his credentials to His Majesty the King on Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 10:40 am in Palais Royal de Bruxelles.

Protocol has 3 questions :

1. what language would the Ambassador like to express himself during his audience with the King? English
2. the physical address where the ADC of the Royal Palace can pick up the Ambassador? Australian Embassy or Official residence
3. Ambassador can be accompanied by maximum 3 diplomats registered with Protocol. To provide the names

The dress code is attached, but you found that out already ☺.

Thank you for your replies. Any questions please let me know.

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

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 27 January 2025 11:30 AM
To: David Brightling s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: NATO approval Ambassador Campbell [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: s 33(a)(iii)

OFFICIAL

Dear all

We received the confirmation from NATO that Ambassador Campbell's nomination has been approved (nomination letter attached)

I will liaise with NATO Protocol about the credentials.

s 22(1)(a)(ii) s discussed, you are in the process of obtaining an access pass for HOM. I understand you have the application form and the security clearance? If you need a hard copy identity photo, I have spares.

Thank you.

Kind regards s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: Caroline Millar
Sent: Thursday, 28 November 2024 10:34 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: David Brightling
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grateful if you could contact Belgian and EEAS protocol to make the same points.

Because this story has hit the press, the department is wondering if it might be better to end speculation by having the government announce it "intends to appoint" Angus Campbell etc. This has happened on previous such occasions. So s 22(1)(a)(ii) could you please also take discrete soundings as to whether that would cause any problems at this end given agreement has not yet been granted.

Clearly the above is in strict confidence and not for onforwarding. Thanks,

Caroline

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 7 February 2025 4:53 PM
To: David Brightling
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post - NATO Letters [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: s 33(a)(iii)

OFFICIAL

Hello David

NATO Protocol just advised as follows for the NATO letters of recall and credence :

*“Who signs the letters is a national decision on your side. Traditionally these are signed by the Head of State or Government or the Foreign Minister.
If in your case these are signed by the Governor-General, that is fine with us.*

*We have no strict requirement with regards to the wording, so what I saw in the draft letters is perfectly fine to us. One slight tweak, we always use British English **spelling**, except in the name of the **Organization**: THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZ**Z**ATION*

There is no need for separate copies to the Chief of protocol. The originals can be handed over during the courtesy call. That is sufficient for us”

So the changes to the NATO letters would be 1) the word ORGANIZATION with a “Z” and 2) only signed by GG and delete Foreign Minister.

The courtesy call to hand over the letters has been confirmed 06/03/25 at 09:40.

Hopefully we receive the letters in time for the courtesy call.

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

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Protocol Officer, Visits Support, Travel
Australian Embassy - Avenue des Arts 56, 1000 Brussels
Tel s 22(1)(a)(ii) - E-mail: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 5 February 2025 5:11 PM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post - EU Approval agreement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thank you David

In the meantime, we received the four agreement approval letters for Belgium, Luxembourg, EU and NATO. I have attached them to this email as a reference.

This means that all letters (Luxembourg, European Commission, European Council, NATO) can be dated by the GG on the exact date of the signing of the letters in February. Belgian letters were already ok.

There is one possible issue, I asked NATO for confirmation only GG should sign the letters (and not the Minister for Foreign Affairs as per the draft credential letters). I have not yet heard from them. Hopefully we will hear from them tomorrow. Can we wait one day to reply to Protocol Branch? Thanks.

Kind regards s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer, Visits Support, Travel

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Tel s 22(1)(a)(ii) - E-mail s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au

From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 5 February 2025 11:34 AM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au

Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post - EU Approval agreement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

This was the response from Canberra overnight:

Hi David,

I can print some new papers and send them to the GG for signing.

To confirm:

- 2 new sets of papers for the EU (exact text/addressees as previous signed letters but with new dates. Are you happy for her to date them with whatever date she signs them, (ie will likely be next week so early Feb date, not March.
- Set of Luxembourg creds papers with date <blank>, March 2025. Correct as dates of
- The NATO papers addressed to HIS EXCELLENCY MR MARK RUTTE, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION to be signed by GG only, dated <blank> March 2025
- How confident are you that NATO will sign off in March? If NATO and Luxembourg don't grant agrément in March, it will be most uncomfortable if we need to request her to sign more papers (again) not dated as we don't like to do this under normal circumstances.

Kind regards

Does this look correct to you?

Thanks
David

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 February 2025 3:27 PM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post - EU Approval agreement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

As a follow-up to my earlier email about the credential letters for the European Commission and the European Council (which should be redone because of the January date) , we have received today the approval of the agreement request for the EU, dated 04/02/25.

The approval verbal note is attached.

Once we have received the 4 new signed credential letters, we can organise the courtesy visit to the Chief of Protocol for presenting the true copies. Would it be an idea to ask Protocol Branch to email us the copies of the new signed (and possibly dated, now that we have the approval) in order to organise the appointment with the Chief of Protocol?

For the presentation of the credentials to the Presidents, we will have to wait until after 05/03/25 (date credentials Belgium).

Many thanks.

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

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Sent: Thursday, 30 January 2025 10:41 AM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post [[SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning David

EEAS Protocol confirmed the original 4 credential letters for the Commission and the Council, dated January are ok, except of course for the date. They suggested to leave the date [day, month] blank. We could add it here. I would suggest leaving the date also blank for Luxembourg and NATO.

We would just have to find an appropriate pen to complete the date ☺.

Thank you for sending the email to Protocol Branch.

Kind regards s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2025 5:48 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post [[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

That's all very clear. I will wait until you hear back from EU Protocol on any further wording changes before going back to Protocol Branch in Canberra. I think it is better to go back in one email.

David

From: ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2025 4:50 PM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re : HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post [[SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hello David

After our conversation, I called the EEAS Protocol with regards to the credential letters for the European Commission and the European Council and the timing of the expected approval. They confirmed these letters should be dated after the approval of the EU agreement, which they expect to happen beginning of February 2025. Meaning the 4 letters should be re-done. They asked again to email them copies of the current 4 letters (the ones with the January date), to triple check the wording is ok....I will do this this afternoon.

Do you already want to go back to Protocol Branch about the issue of the Luxembourg and NATO letters? But assume we prefer to provide Protocol Branch with the request including the 4 EU letters?

Suggested reply for Protocol Branch (tomorrow when we have the EU outcome about the wording?)

With regards to the credential letters, we received in the package as per your email.

*For Belgium : two envelopes (1 containing the letter of credence and 1 containing the letter of recall), dated [blank] January 2025. Agreement received end December 2024. Letters will be dated by Post beginning of January 2025.
For the EU : four signed letters (one letter of credence and one of recall for each European Commission and European Council), dated [blank] January 2025. Awaiting approval agreement from the EU.
For Luxembourg : no letters. Awaiting agreement approval.
For NATO : no letters. Nomination was approved end of January 2025.*

Could the credential letters for Luxembourg and for NATO be prepared, not date/month dated (~~or dated March 2025~~) and sent to us.

As the letters for European Commission and the European Council have been dated before the approval of the agreement by the EU, could the 4 letters be re-done by the Governor General.

Hope the above makes sense. Let me know if it is not clear.

Kind regards, ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 January 2025 10:40 AM
To: ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: HOM-designate Brussels: - sending credentials and instructions for post [[SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

s 22(1)(a)(ii) as discussed – attachment and the body of the email from Canberra Protocol.

Dear David,

I have sent the letters of credence and recall for HOM-des Brussels (as well as for EU) in the post dip bag, addressed to you. The envelope will be stamped “Credentials within”. I don’t expect the package will leave here until Wednesday 8 January (given the mail room do not return for business until 6 January and the close day for Brussels bag is Wednesday).

The contents of the package are:

For Belgium: two envelopes (1 containing the letter of credence and 1 containing the letter of recall) that will need to be dated by post once you have been informed that agrément has been granted.

Please try to use a similar coloured pen and write the day in numeral format not word (as this is less likely to show discrepancies in handwriting).

The signed papers are the ones for presenting to the Head of State. Once you have dated them please put one in each empty labelled envelope and stick one of the Governor-General secure seals on the back of each envelope. Spare seals contained if you need.

We would be grateful if you could please scan and send to us, final signed and dated copies for our records.

The other unsealed envelope with unsigned papers is for the MFA’s records and would be handed over by HOM in his initial meeting with the Chief of Protocol (or equivalent).

For EU: four signed papers (one letter of credence and one of recall for both European Commission and European Council). Again, these letters have been undated, so please enter the date (per notes above) once you have received agrément. (Also included are two envelopes if you wish to use).

Also in the package will be HOM’s Commission of Appointment, and photocopies of the papers you can keep and use as you wish.

The Commission of Appointment is for HOM to keep and frame if he wishes.

Please be mindful that if agrément is **NOT** granted in the month of January, we would need to have the papers re-done by the Governor-General and in this case, we would proceed once we hear word from you.

I would be very grateful if you would let me know as soon as you receive the package. Feel free to contact myself or my colleague s 22(1)(a)(ii) if you have any questions. I will be on leave between 25 Dec and 13 Jan.

I have attached copies of the original signed document for your records, although again, we would ask post to please send back to us the dated copies when finalised for our records.

Thanks all and have a lovely Christmas!

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer | Diplomatic and Consular Accreditation Section
Protocol and Events Branch | Executive Division

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2025 2:31 PM
To: David Brightling s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: HOM Luxembourg credentials - Possible dates 19 & 20/03/25 TBC [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear All,

We are currently waiting for the approval of the agreement for Ambassador Campbell from Luxembourg authorities and could expect to have the agreement approval by the end of February, TBC.

Credential dates

Luxembourg is having their next round of credential ceremonies on 19 and 20/03/25 (it is a two day adventure). HOM may be able to present his credentials at that time (TBC depending on other countries' approvals). However, we can only make the formal request after 05/03/25 (credentials date with HM the King). Would you please let me know if these would be suitable dates or would we prefer to wait for the next round for which no dates are set at the moment. Thank you for your views.

Credential letters

To confirm, in the envelope we received from Canberra earlier this month with the original credential letters, were no letters for Luxembourg. The drafts have been approved and originals could in theory be sent, dated March 2025 (to be on the safe side)

Shall we discuss? Thank you.

Kind regards s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Caroline Millar
Sent: Monday, 25 November 2024 10:52 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) David Brightling
Subject: FW: CV - new HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]
Attachments: CV - Brussels.DOCX

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FYI and not for onforwarding pls. C

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2024 12:07 AM
To: Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: CV - new HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear Caroline,

ExCo approved the nomination of the new HOM Brussels on 7 November 2024. A Protected cable has been sent to you (HOM only) on low, requesting post seek agrément from the government of the Kingdom of Belgium – cable reference s 22(1)(a)(ii) .

To assist in preparing the third person note, please see CV attached for the new HOM.

I would be very grateful if you would let me know you have received the cable and this email.

If the MFA request passport details for new HOM please contact the HOM SES unit directly s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au).

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC

Address: c/- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Date of birth: s 47F(1)

Most recent position: Chief of the Australian Defence Force

Educational qualifications: Bachelor of Science (Hons), University of New South Wales (1985)
Master of Philosophy in International Relations, Cambridge University (1993)

Relevant experience: 2018 – 2024: Chief of the Australian Defence Force
2015 – 2018: Chief of the Australian Army
2013 - 2015: Commander Joint Agency Taskforce
Operation Sovereign Borders, Department of Home Affairs
2012 – 2013: Deputy Chief of the Australian Army
2011 – 2012: Major General Middle East Area of Operations, Department of Defence (DoD)
2010 – 2011: Major General Military Strategic Commitments, DoD
2009 - 2010: Deputy Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C)
2005 - 2009: First Assistant Secretary, Office of National Security, PM&C

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

General Campbell was most recently Chief of the Australian Defence Force (2018-2024).

He has previously served as Chief of the Australian Army (2015-2018); Commander Joint Agency Taskforce Operation Sovereign Borders, Department of Home Affairs (2013-2015); Deputy Chief of the Australian Army (2012-2013); Major General Middle East Area of Operations, Department of Defence (DoD) (2011-2012); Major General Military Strategic Commitments, DoD (2010-2011); Deputy Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) (2009-2010); and First Assistant Secretary, Office of National Security, PM&C (2005-2009).

General Campbell holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons), from the University of New South Wales (1985) and a Master of Philosophy in International Relations, from Cambridge University (1993).

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 6 January 2025 12:35 PM
To: David Brightling; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Appointment for HOM-Designate with Belgian Chief of Protocol - Friday 17/01/25 at 11:00 TBC [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hello David, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I have been of the Belgian Chief of Protocol Ambassador Hubert ROISIN to check on time frames for the handover of the copies of the letters of recall and the credential letters. I understand the originals are being sent in the bag. It is OK to make photocopies and hand those over to the Chief of Protocol.

A tentative appointment has been made for **Friday 17/01/25 at 11:00** or alternatively Tuesday 21/01/25 at 15:00. The earlier the copies of the letters can be handed over the better, as the formal date of the presentation of the credentials to the King is based on this date. Four Ambassadors meet the King on the same day and the next session is already full and no date has been set yet for this round .

The meeting with Ambassador Roisin takes approx. 20 minutes. The Ambassador-Designate attends usually unaccompanied (can be discussed if necessary). Ambassador Roisin will explain in brief the ceremony at the Royal Palace and the do's and don'ts.

Outstanding is the official photo of the Ambassador to add to the CV.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Would it be possible to confirm the appointment for 17/01 asap, if possible this week please?

Thank you. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer, Visits Support, Travel

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Ministerial Submission

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cleared by: Jan Adams AO PSM

Date sent to MO:

FOR: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Action Requested By: 7 November 2024

Reason for Urgency: To enable the
appointment to take place within required
timeframes.

**HOM Brussels: Direction to engage General Angus Campbell AO, DSC (Rtd) to the
Australian Public Service**

Key Issues: Subject to outcomes of the Federal Executive Council on 7 November 2024, I seek your agreement to engage General Angus Campbell AO, DSC (Rtd) as an Australian Public Service (APS) employee in order to take up his appointment as Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Recommendation:

That you:

- a) **Agree**, subject to outcomes of the Federal Executive Council on 7 November 2024, to the engagement of General Angus Campbell AO, DSC (Rtd) to the Australian Public Service, as required by Section 39 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, in order for him to take up the role of Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Decision:

Agreed / Not Agreed

Domestic/Media Considerations: Media interest is expected once General Campbell (Rtd)'s appointment is announced.

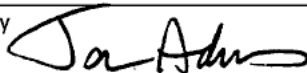
Action:

Penny Wong

8/11/24

Pls discuss ~~the~~
announcement + E for
The.
PWP 8/11

From: Jan Adams AO PSM, Secretary



Contact: Natalie Roche

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Can this proposal be funded from within your existing divisional allocation (departmental/aid)? Not Applicable

If the proposal high risk/high value (over \$100m) concept has been approved by the Development Program Committee? Not Applicable

Consultation: Nil

Background:

The appointment of General Angus Campbell AO, DSC (Rtd) to the position of Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg will be considered by the Federal Executive Council on 7 November 2024.

2. Section 39 of the *Public Service Act 1999* provides that a Head of Mission cannot take up their appointment unless they are an APS employee, and that I must comply with your direction to engage a particular person as an APS employee, so that they may become a Head of Mission. Consistent with the Act, I seek your agreement to engage General Campbell (Rtd) as an APS employee.
3. Subject to your direction, I propose that General Campbell (Rtd) join the department from 11 November 2024 in order to begin preparations for his proposed future role as HOM Brussels from January 2025.
4. General Campbell will be remunerated at the SES Band 3 level for the duration of his employment with the department, in line with the current Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg.

From: [Clare Walsh](#)
To: [Natalie Roche](#); [s 22\(1\)\(a\)](#) [Belinda Casson](#)
Subject: Re: [s 22\(1\)\(a\)](#) [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Wednesday, 20 November 2024 10:12:32 PM

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Yes, it is.

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From: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 5:02:56 PM
To: Clare Walsh <Clare.Walsh@dfat.gov.au>; [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) @dfat.gov.au>;
Belinda Casson <Belinda.Casson@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Is this Brussels?

Natalie Roche FCPA

Assistant Secretary
People Operations Branch | People Division
T [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

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From: Clare Walsh <Clare.Walsh@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 November 2024 4:50 PM
To: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>; [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) @dfat.gov.au>;
Belinda Casson <Belinda.Casson@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Fw: [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) [SEC=PROTECTED]

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From: Clare Walsh <[Clare.Walsh@dfat.gov.au](#)>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 4:49:22 PM

To: Tom Mooney <Tom.Mooney@dfat.gov.au>; Jan Adams <Jan.Adams@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: Re: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=PROTECTED]

Thank you Tom. Much appreciated

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From: Tom Mooney <Tom.Mooney@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 4:43:10 PM

To: Jan Adams <Jan.Adams@dfat.gov.au>; Clare Walsh <Clare.Walsh@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear Jan and Clare

Attached is s 22(1)(a)(ii) signed by the FM on 8 November 2024.

Kind regards

Tom

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From: [David Brightling](#)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: update on agrément [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Friday, 29 November 2024 9:37:41 AM
Attachments: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

Understood and noted. We will update you as soon as we receive a response.

David

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 11:35 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; David Brightling
<David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: update on agrément [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi all,

Thank you for the thorough information. Until agrément is granted, we can not progress for passport/visa.

We will send these through when they are available but I wanted to flag the dependencies.

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director - International (SHS)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2024 9:07 AM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: HOM-designate Brussels: update on agrément [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks David.

Happy to draft credentials and send to you for review. As always we would not get papers signed until agrément is granted.

HOMSES – will you respond re photo and passport please?

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2024 9:02 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Subject: HOM-designate Brussels: update on agrément [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear HOM SES Unit and s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Below is an update on the *agrément* process for HOM-designate Brussels, with advice on the forms of address for the credential letters. This has been confirmed by each of the relevant Protocol divisions (Belgium MFA, Luxembourg MFA, EU and NATO).

1. Belgium

Agrément requested on 25/11/24 s 47E(d)

For credential letters, forms of address: “His Majesty the King of the Belgians” (no given name) and referred to as “Your Majesty”

2. Luxembourg

Agrément request can only be lodged after the approval of the agrément from Belgium.
For credential letters, forms of address: “His Royal Highness the Grand Duke” (no “of Luxembourg”, no given name). Even after son Guillaume takes over, expected towards the end of 2025, same type of address, (no name) and referred to as “Your Royal Highness”

3. European Council

Agrément requested on 25/11/24 s 47E(d)

For credential letters, forms of address : “His Excellency Mr António Costa, President of the European Council”.

Note: Costa is taking up his duties on 1 December 2024 and is referred to as “Your Excellency”.

4. European Commission

Agrément requested on 25/11/24 s 47E(d)

For credential letters, forms of address: “Her Excellency Ms Ursula von der Leyen, President of

the European Commission“ and should be referred to as “ Your Excellency”

5. **NATO**

To lodge a verbal note requesting the agrément, accompanied by a CV with photo, passport copy, security clearance (stating the security level) to NATO’s Secretary General’s office. The request should have all supporting documents for the process to be started.

The North Atlantic Council (NAC) has to approve the nomination. Once approved we will receive the official letter of approval of the nomination.

For credential letters, forms of address: “His Excellency Mr Mark Rutte, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation” and should be referred to as “Dear Secretary General”

Some additional notes :

- It would be helpful if Post can review of soft copy of the credential letters prior to their finalisation for signature.
- Credential letters can be prepared in advance, but please make sure they are not signed before the agrément grant date.
- We look forward to receiving a photo in due course.

Kind regards,
David

Deputy Head of Mission
Australian Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg
Mission to the European Union and NATO
P s 22(1)(a)(ii) | M s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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From: [Natalie Roche](#)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: RE: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Thursday, 1 August 2024 2:27:22 PM
Attachments: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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We checked with Protocol and they have said they don't have the letters.
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 2:25 PM
To: Natalie Roche
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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thanks – protocol will likely have the letters. On job description – I really meant the doc we provide with the pack when we advertise that outlines what the post does

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From: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 2:23 PM
To: 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: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi there
Unfortunately we don't have HOM/HOP Position Descriptions. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

With thanks

Nat

Natalie Roche FCPA

Assistant Secretary
People Operations Branch | People Division
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 2:05 PM

To: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au

Subject: RE: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks

I don't think the text in the letter is quite right. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 1:46 PM

To: 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: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi Clare

s 47E(d)

With thanks

Natalie

Natalie Roche FCPA

Assistant Secretary
People Operations Branch | People Division
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From: [Jonathan Muir](#)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Thursday, 2 January 2025 1:01:24 PM
Attachments: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) looks like post cabled anyway. Creds were pre-signed by GG and are on the way by dip bag. The media release with MLS.

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 2 January 2025 12:55 PM
To: Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) dfat.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

We will leave this one for PRB to please respond to as needed.

Confirming SHS has progressed arrangements for Angus to travel to post as planned.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g Assistant Secretary
People Operations Branch | People Division
T s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 December 2024 5:53 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>;
s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; Jonathan Muir
<Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>; David Brightling
<David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Team - the problem is we cannot send the cable on this as the special distro at your end - which the cable insists we do not change - will not allow us to without a

change the system itself does not permit. If we insert the Protocol agreement/credentials topic it will send but to a slightly wider group. HOM, A/g DHOM, SAO and IT London spent hours on this to no avail yesterday. Let us know if you are comfortable with us using the Protocol distro. This appointment is no longer exactly a secret... Tks. Caroline

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Date: Monday, 23 December 2024 at 22:26:04
To: "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au", "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au", "Jonathan Muir" <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au", "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au", s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: "Natalie Roche" <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>, "David Brightling" <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>, "Caroline Millar" <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au">
Subject: Re: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

This is great news - PPD will commence arrangements for Angus on the basis of the advice you have provided below.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Date: Tuesday, 24 December 2024 at 3:51:04 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, "Jonathan Muir" <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au", "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au", s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: "Natalie Roche" <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>, "David Brightling" <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>, "Caroline Millar" <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi again everyone,

We've had technical issues with trying to send a reply to the original tasking reftel and a more 'formal' reply than my email below.

We've not had success in resolving through technical discussions with RTOs at this time. In

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

sul-General

Australian Embassy, Brussels

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From: "Caroline Millar" <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>

Date: Monday, 23 December 2024 at 15:58:45

To: "s 22(1)(a)(ii)" <[@dfat.gov.au](#)>, "David Brightling" <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>, "Jonathan Muir" <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii)" <[@dfat.gov.au](#)>

Cc: "Natalie Roche" <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[@dfat.gov.au](#)>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii)" <[@dfat.gov.au](#)>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[@dfat.gov.au](#)>

Subject: RE: Brussels update [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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We will check again today and let you know of any update. Cheers and have a great break. Caroline

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[@dfat.gov.au](#)>

Sent: Monday, December 23, 2024 12:11 AM

To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>; Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[@dfat.gov.au](#)>

Cc: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[@dfat.gov.au](#)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[@dfat.gov.au](#)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[@dfat.gov.au](#)>

Subject: Brussels update [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

OFFICIAL

All,

As we are about to head into shutdown period we would be grateful for any update on whether you think agrément for HOM Brussels is likely to come through in the next day or so?

s 22(1)(a)(ii), so if agrément comes in over the Christmas shutdown, would you please let all above email recipients know so the next steps can be put into play. HOMSES are holding tight on booking flights so the earlier they can proceed the more options will be available.

As a quick update from our end, the GG has pre-signed (undated) credentials papers for Belgium and EU for HOM. I have packaged these up for post via Dip Bag (separate email with soft copies and instructions) marked to David's attention. (NATO/Luxembourg letters will be processed later).

I have pre-prepared a draft media release in consultation with post and FAS's OTN and DND. This is currently with a/g Dep Sec DMG office for bio input/final clearance. Once cleared we can progress to FMO so they have it ready should agrément come through early January and they want to announce before his expected start on 13 January. (with strict instruction not to announce until DFAT confirm agrément is through).

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer | Diplomatic and Consular Accreditation Section
Protocol and Events Branch | Executive Division
p s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To:
Cc:
Subject: RE: Brussels appointment [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Monday, 28 October 2024 4:18:25 PM

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H s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for the update and great work getting everything done in time for tomorrows deadline.

Kind regards
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 4:05 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Brussels appointment [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Just an update that the FM has signed the exco papers for next HOM Brussels, I will get them back in tomorrow's courier run and drop them down to PM&C for inclusion in Exco meeting 7 November.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer | Diplomatic and Consular Accreditation Section
Protocol and Events Branch | Executive Division
p s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To:
Cc:
Subject: RE: Brussels & next appointments [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Monday, 25 November 2024 10:11:50 AM

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) cable and associated email now sent to HOM Brussels.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer | Diplomatic and Consular Accreditation Section
Protocol and Events Branch | Executive Division
p s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2024 10:03 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Brussels & next appointments [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Yes that's confirmed – January 2025.
Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director - International
SES/HOM Services Section (SHS)
p s 22(1)(a)(ii) | M s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2024 9:59 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Brussels & next appointments [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) I'm about to send now but can you confirm they are still wanting a January start?

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer | Diplomatic and Consular Accreditation Section
Protocol and Events Branch | Executive Division

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2024 5:08 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Brussels & next appointments [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Very pleased to say Brussels can now progress. I would be grateful if you send a quick email when this is actioned.

Thank you so much for your assistance on this.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director - International
SES/HOM Services Section (SHS)
P s 22(1)(a)(ii) M s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 1:45 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Brussels & next appointments [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Unfortunately, there's no update on Brussels or any other appointment. I'll be sure to let you know as soon as things are ready to action.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Director | SES HOM Services Section
People Operations Branch | People Division
T s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Sent: Tuesday, 19 November 2024 1:16 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Cc: Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Brussels & next appointments [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Just checking in to see if there is any progression for Brussels yet? We are still on hold with the cable.

Also, is there any movement on the next batch for Exco? Drafts are due to exco tomorrow for making it into the second last meeting, so I suspect that won't make it and we will be aiming for the last Exco meeting of the year?

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer | Diplomatic and Consular Accreditation Section
Protocol and Events Branch | Executive Division
p s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To:
Cc:
Subject: RE: Agreement for HOM-Brussels [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 18 December 2024 11:15:44 AM
Attachments: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

OFFICIAL

That's a good question, I will get back to you on the plan for transferring news.

On another note, I am seeking the GG's pre-signature on credentials papers (undated) to be able to send to post should agrément be granted.

I have done the bones of a preliminary media release but with non-APS high level HOM's I don't usually do the biography bit. It's normally the appropriate dep sec's office that handle the finalisation of the release.

On that note, I asked the EO to COO who I should consult with and he suggested reaching out to s 22(1)(a)(ii) copying s 22(1)(a)(ii), who are the current support team to A/g Dep Sec Natalie Cohen (filling in for Jamie Isbister).

Do you know whether Natalie Cohen is aware of the candidate and is this an appropriate avenue to pursue?

Thanks

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer | Diplomatic and Consular Accreditation Section
Protocol and Events Branch | Executive Division
P +s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 11:06 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Agreement for HOM-Brussels [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

Noting we are still awaiting agrément for HOM Brussels, I wanted to query in the event that this

is granted during shutdown how will this be conveyed to the individual/HOMSES etc?
Will there be an on-duty phone over this period? Can you provide the contact number please?

We have begun to make passport arrangements with the sponsored passports team to ensure all is in place to issue the passport as soon as agrément is granted.
The tentative departure to post is on 13 January 2025.

Welcome your advice.

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To:
Subject: RE: [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Monday, 12 August 2024 10:33:24 AM

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Thanks

s 47E(d)

I'll make the changes

Clare

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 10:26 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi Clare,

See attached with an MS number. The document in PDMS is blank so that we can progress in hard copy outside the system to minimise visibility. s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Director | SES HOM Services Section
People Operations Branch | People Division
T s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 10:02 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Departmental No. 430 of 2024

Executive Council
Meeting No. 23

Approved in Council

Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General

7 November 2024

Filed in the Records
of the Council

Secretary to the Executive Council

Minute Paper for the Executive Council

Subject

The Constitution

Termination of Appointment and Commission of Appointment of Ambassador of Australia to the Kingdom of Belgium

Recommended for the approval of Her Excellency the
Governor-General in Council that she:

- (a) terminate the appointment of Caroline Jane Millar as Ambassador of Australia to the Kingdom of Belgium on and from a date to be determined by the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
- (b) appoint, by Commission in the attached form, General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC to be Ambassador of Australia to the Kingdom of Belgium on and from a date to be determined by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, being a date not earlier than the date on which the appointment of Caroline Jane Millar shall terminate and subject to *agrément* being received from the Kingdom of Belgium;
- (c) authorise that General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC be paid such salary and allowances as may be determined from time to time by the Minister for Foreign Affairs; and
- (d) authorise that the appointment of General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC be subject to such other terms and conditions as may be approved from time to time by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Penny Wong
Minister for Foreign Affairs



COMMISSION OF APPOINTMENT OF
AMBASSADOR OF AUSTRALIA TO
THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

I, the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and in the exercise of all powers me thereunto enabling, appoint

GENERAL (RTD) ANGUS JOHN CAMPBELL AO, DSC

to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Australia to the Kingdom of Belgium on and from such day as is determined by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.



Signed and Sealed with the
Great Seal of Australia on
7 November 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sam Mostyn'.

Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penny Wong'.

Penny Wong
Minister for Foreign Affairs

ENTERED ON RECORD by me, in Register of Patents No. 59 page 65, on 7 November 2024

Secretary to the Federal Executive Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. H. H.'.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Minute No. 430 of 2024 - Minister for Foreign Affairs

Subject- *The Constitution*

Termination of Appointment and Commission of Appointment of Ambassador of Australia to the Kingdom of Belgium

The purpose of this instrument is to make a diplomatic appointment.

The power to appoint Australian diplomatic and consular representatives is exercisable by the Governor-General by virtue of Chapter II of the *Constitution* which provides, among other things, that the executive power of the Commonwealth is vested in the King and His Heirs and successors and is exercisable by the Governor-General.

The Minute recommends the termination of the appointment of Ms Caroline Jane Millar as Ambassador of Australia to the Kingdom of Belgium, from a date to be determined by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the appointment of General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC as Ambassador of Australia to the Kingdom of Belgium subject to *agrément* being received from the Kingdom of Belgium. The granting of *agrément* by the receiving State for the person a sending State proposes to accredit as head of mission is a requirement of the *Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations*, to which Australia is a party. The *agrément* of the Kingdom of Belgium will be sought for this appointment. The Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium is concurrently accredited to the European Union, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The Minute also seeks authority for the Minister for Foreign Affairs to determine the salary, allowances and other terms and conditions to apply to this appointment.

General Campbell is expected to take up his position in January 2025, succeeding Ms Millar who has been Ambassador since 2021. Ms Millar will return to Canberra at the completion of her posting and take up a senior position in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

General Campbell was most recently Chief of the Australian Defence Force (2018-2024). He has previously served as Chief of the Australian Army (2015-2018); Commander Joint Agency Taskforce Operation Sovereign Borders, Department of Home Affairs (2013-2015); Deputy Chief of the Australian Army (2012-2013); Major General Middle East Area of Operations, Department of Defence (DoD) (2011-2012); Major General Military Strategic Commitments, DoD (2010-2011); Deputy Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) (2009-2010); and First Assistant Secretary, Office of National Security, PM&C (2005-2009).

General Campbell holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons), University of New South Wales (1985) and a Master of Philosophy in International Relations, Cambridge University (1993).

General Campbell is suitable for appointment as Ambassador for Australia to the Kingdom of Belgium by virtue of his prior experience and relevant background.

General Campbell's curriculum vitae is attached.

The Minute recommends that the appointment be made in the form proposed.

Authority: Chapter II of the *Constitution*



CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC

Address: c/- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
s 47F(1)

Date of birth:

Most recent position: Chief of the Australian Defence Force

Educational and professional qualifications: Bachelor of Science (Hons), University of New South Wales (1985)
Master of Philosophy in International Relations, Cambridge University (1993)

Relevant language skills: N/A

Relevant experience:

- 2018 – 2024: Chief of the Australian Defence Force
- 2015 – 2018: Chief of the Australian Army
- 2013 - 2015: Commander Joint Agency Taskforce
Operation Sovereign Borders, Department of Home Affairs
- 2012 – 2013: Deputy Chief of the Australian Army
- 2011 – 2012: Major General Middle East Area of Operations, Department of Defence (DoD)
- 2010 – 2011: Major General Military Strategic Commitments, DoD
- 2009 - 2010: Deputy Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C)
- 2005 - 2009: First Assistant Secretary, Office of National Security, PM&C



From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To:
Cc: [Natalie Roche](#)
Subject: Fwd: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Thursday, 21 November 2024 8:41:51 AM

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Brussels is signed! Can you please prep a revised letter of offer and secretary minute? We
s 47E(d)

Priority for first thing please.

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

From: "Belinda Casson" <Belinda.Casson@dfat.gov.au>
Date: Wednesday, 20 November 2024 at 9:34:13 PM
To: "s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)", "Natalie Roche"
<Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hallelujah...

Belinda Casson

Chief People Officer

Telephone | +s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Division mailbox | s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 November 2024 9:32 PM
To: Belinda Casson <Belinda.Casson@dfat.gov.au>; Natalie Roche
<Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=PROTECTED]

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It's Brussels

From: "Belinda Casson" <Belinda.Casson@dfat.gov.au>
Date: Wednesday, 20 November 2024 at 9:12:52 PM
To: "Natalie Roche" <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au"
Subject: RE: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Is it Brussels? The suspense may kill me!

Belinda Casson

Chief People Officer

Telephone | +s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Division mailbox | s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au

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From: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 November 2024 5:03 PM
To: Clare Walsh <Clare.Walsh@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; Belinda Casson <Belinda.Casson@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Is this Brussels?

Natalie Roche FCPA

Assistant Secretary

People Operations Branch | People Division

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From: Clare Walsh <Clare.Walsh@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 20 November 2024 4:50 PM

To: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
<dfat.gov.au>; Belinda Casson <Belinda.Casson@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: Fw: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=PROTECTED]

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From: Clare Walsh <Clare.Walsh@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 4:49:22 PM

To: Tom Mooney <Tom.Mooney@dfat.gov.au>; Jan Adams
<Jan.Adams@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: Re: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=PROTECTED]

Thank you Tom. Much appreciated

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From: Tom Mooney <Tom.Mooney@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 4:43:10 PM
To: Jan Adams <Jan.Adams@dfat.gov.au>; Clare Walsh <Clare.Walsh@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear Jan and Clare

Attached is s 22(1)(a)(ii) signed by the FM on 8 November 2024.

Kind regards

Tom

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: [Natalie Roche](#)
Subject: FW: s 22(1)(a) [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Thursday, 21 November 2024 12:10:00 PM

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Can we please ask Clare for a copy of the signed Min Sub for our records?

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

Director | SES HOM Services Section
People Operations Branch | People Division
Ts 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Clare Walsh <Clare.Walsh@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 November 2024 4:50 PM
To: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au;
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: [Natalie Roche](#)
Subject: FW: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 11:14:00 AM
Attachments: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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People Operations Branch | People Division
T s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:10 AM
To: 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: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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

Please see CV attached for the next HOM Brussels (Angus Campbell) scheduled to start post in January 2025. As normal, this needs to be tightly held, please.

Grateful if you would prepare ExCo papers and we will advise when the appointment has been approved by FM and PM (minsub is currently with FMO). We would like to aim for ExCo meeting 12 September 2024, however, please **hold** sending drafts to ExCo until FM/PM approval.

You will see in the attached CV we are missing the university dates, please reach out to the COO on s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#) for the relevant information as COO will be able to contact Mr Campbell.

Outgoing HOM will return to DFAT at the conclusion of her posting and take up a senior position.

Please let me know if there is anything I can assist with.

Kind regards
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Program Manager – International | SES HOM Services Section
People Operations Branch | People Division
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
p s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; Jonathan Muir; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Natalie Roche; David Brightling; Caroline Millar
Subject: FW: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 23 December 2024 11:12:19 PM
Attachments: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 33(a)(iii)

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Dear all,

Post has today (23/12) received agrément from the Belgian authorities for the appointment of HOM-Designate.

We will also send a cable to confirm (and in reply to original tasking to seek this).

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Counsellor (Administration) and Consul-General
Australian Embassy, Brussels

Australian Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg and Mission to the European Union and NATO
Level 7, Avenue des Arts 56, 1000 Brussels Belgium

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Date: Monday, 23 December 2024 at 15:58:45
To: "s 22(1)(a)(ii)" <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>, "David Brightling" <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>, "Jonathan Muir" <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii)" <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>

Cc: "Natalie Roche" <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii) [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)", "s 22(1)(a)(ii) [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)", s 22(1)(a)(ii) [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Subject: RE: Brussels update [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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We will check again today and let you know of any update. Cheers and have a great break. Caroline

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2024 12:11 AM
To: David Brightling <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>; Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>; Jonathan Muir <Jonathan.Muir@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Cc: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a) [s 22\(1\)\(a\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)@dfat.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Subject: Brussels update [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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All,

As we are about to head into shutdown period we would be grateful for any update on whether you think agrément for HOM Brussels is likely to come through in the next day or so?

s 22(1)(a)(ii) [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au), so if agrément comes in over the Christmas shutdown, would you please let all above email recipients know so the next steps can be put into play. HOMSES are holding tight on booking flights so the earlier they can proceed the more options will be available.

As a quick update from our end, the GG has pre-signed (undated) credentials papers for Belgium and EU for HOM. I have packaged these up for post via Dip Bag (separate email with soft copies and instructions) marked to David's attention. (NATO/Luxembourg letters will be processed later).

I have pre-prepared a draft media release in consultation with post and FAS's OTN and DND. This is currently with a/g Dep Sec DMG office for bio input/final clearance. Once cleared we can progress to FMO so they have it ready should agrément come through early January and they want to announce before his expected start on 13 January. (with strict instruction not to announce until DFAT confirm agrément is through).

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Protocol Officer | Diplomatic and Consular Accreditation Section
Protocol and Events Branch | Executive Division
P +s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To:
Subject: As discussed [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 3:15:30 PM
Attachments: s 47C(1)

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From: [Natalie Roche](#)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: RE: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Monday, 5 August 2024 5:21:50 PM
Attachments: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Great thanks. Updated CV attached.

Nat

Natalie Roche FCPA

Assistant Secretary
People Operations Branch | People Division
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 4:36 PM
To: Natalie Roche
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Thanks Nat

Angus has confirmed that the cv is correct. The missing dates are FAS ONS PMC 2005-2009 & DepSec DNSA PMC 2009-2010.

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From: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 11:28 AM
To: 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: FW: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi Clare

Updated pack for your review and clearance. We have included the revised text from the letter

and updated end date for Caroline (s 22(1)(a)(ii))

The post brief is still accurate s 22(1)(a)(ii)

The CV will need to be updated where highlighted dates aren't known.

With thanks

Nat

Natalie Roche FCPA

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](#)>

Subject: Re: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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From: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 8:41:18 AM

To: 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: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks for this Clare. Is this version final?

Natalie Roche FCPA

Assistant Secretary
People Operations Branch | People Division
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To: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Subject: RE: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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From: Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 1:46 PM
To: 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: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi Clare
s 47E(d)

With thanks
Natalie
Natalie Roche FCPA

Assistant Secretary
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: [Natalie Roche](#)
Subject: RE: HOM Brussels [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Monday, 5 August 2024 9:52:00 AM
Attachments: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 47C(1)
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi Nat,

For your review and to share with Clare -

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People Operations Branch | People Division
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Hi Clare

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With thanks

Natalie

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Assistant Secretary
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CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: General (Rtd) Angus John Campbell AO, DSC

Address: c/- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Date of birth: s 47F(1)

Most recent position: Chief of Australian Defence Force

Educational and professional qualifications: Bachelor of Science (Hons), University of New South Wales
Master of Philosophy in International Relations, Cambridge University

Relevant language skills: Nil

Relevant experience:

- 2018 – 2024: Chief of the Australian Defence Force
- 2015 – 2018: Chief of the Australian Army
- 2013 - 2015: Commander Joint Agency Taskforce
Operation Sovereign Borders, Department of Home Affairs
- 2012 – 2013: Deputy Chief of the Australian Army
- 2011 – 2012: Major General Middle East Area of Operations, Defence
- 2010 – 2011: Major General Military Strategic Commitments, Defence
- TBC - 2010: Deputy Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser, Prime Minister and Cabinet
- 2005 - TBC: First Assistant Secretary, Office of National Security, Prime Minister and Cabinet

Head of Mission Appointment – Brussels

Key Issues: I recommend you agree to the appointment of General Angus Campbell AO, DSC (Rtd) to the role of Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg (HOM Brussels).	
Recommendation: That you: a) Agree to the nomination of General Angus Campbell AO, DSC (Rtd) as Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg (HOM Brussels). b) Sign the attached letter from you to the Prime Minister setting out this nomination (Attachment A).	Decision: <u>Agreed / Not Agreed</u> <u>Signed / Not Signed</u>
Domestic/Media Considerations: Nil Action: Penny Wong / /	
From: Jan Adams AO PSM, Secretary	Contact: Natalie Roches 22(1)(a)(ii)
Can this proposal be funded from within your existing <u>divisional</u> allocation (departmental/aid)? Not Applicable If the proposal high risk/high value (over \$100m) concept has been approved by the Development Program Committee? Not Applicable	
Consultation: Nil	

Background:

I seek your formal agreement to the nomination of Ambassador to the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium and Luxembourg (HOM Brussels).

2. The current HOM Brussels, Caroline Millar, is due to conclude her appointment in December 2024.
3. I recommend General Angus Campbell AO, DSM (Rtd) for appointment as the next HOM Brussels. General Campbell (Rtd) recently completed service as Chief of the Australian Defence Force (2018-2024). Prior to this, he was Chief of the Australian Army (2015-2018). He was a career Army officer with an infantry and special forces background. In late 2005, General Campbell (Rtd) was First Assistant Secretary, Office of National Security and subsequently Deputy Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.
4. General Campbell (Rtd) holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) from the University of New South Wales and a Master of Philosophy in International Relations from Cambridge University. He is also a graduate of the Australian Army Command and Staff College.
5. General Campbell (Rtd) has advised that he is not aware of any personal or professional factors that would affect the acceptability of his appointment to either the Australian Government or the governments to which he would be accredited. Nor is he aware of any personal or professional factors that would affect his appointment to any of the organisations to which he would be accepted.
6. This nomination would change the gender composition of HOM/HOP overseas appointments to add one male.
7. I have provided a letter from you to the Prime Minister setting out this nomination, should you wish to consult with him.
8. Your early approval of this submission will enable the appointment to be considered promptly by the Federal Executive Council.

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To:
Subject: RE: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Thursday, 2 January 2025 2:16:56 PM
Attachments: [BelindaCasson2025-01-0214-15-39-641.pdf](#)
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Attached as promised.

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 2 January 2025 1:40 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=PROTECTED]

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That would be great, thanks!

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g Assistant Secretary
People Operations Branch | People Division
T s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 2 January 2025 1:39 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi – just wading through cables now and can see this one went on 24/12, only copied to me, COO and EXD/PRB – would you like a copy?

From: Caroline Millar <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 December 2024 5:53 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>;
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Subject: Re: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Team - the problem is we cannot send the cable on this as the special distro at your end - which the cable insists we do not change - will not allow us to without a change the system itself does not permit. If we insert the Protocol agreement/credentials topic it will send but to a slightly wider group. HOM, A/g DHOM, SAO and IT London spent hours on this to no avail yesterday. Let us know if you are comfortable with us using the Protocol distro. This appointment is no longer exactly a secret... Tks. Caroline

From: "s 22(1)(a)(ii)" <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
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Cc: "Natalie Roche" <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>, "David Brightling" <David.Brightling@dfat.gov.au>, "Caroline Millar" <Caroline.Millar@dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii)" <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Subject: Re: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks Chris.

This is great news - PPD will commence arrangements for Angus on the basis of the advice you have provided below.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>
Date: Tuesday, 24 December 2024 at 3:51:04 AM
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Subject: RE: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi again everyone,

We've had technical issues with trying to send a reply to the original tasking reftel and a more 'formal' reply than my email below.

We've not had success in resolving through technical discussions with RTOs at this time. In anticipation that this may not be a quick 'fix' tomorrow (24/12), grateful advice on anything else you might like me to do from this side in respect of the news that we've shared.

Thanks in advance.

Kind regards,

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Subject: FW: Brussels update - agrément received [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear all,

Post has today (23/12) received agrément from the Belgian authorities for the appointment of HOM-Designate.

We will also send a cable to confirm (and in reply to original tasking to seek this).

Kind regards,

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We will check again today and let you know of any update. Cheers and have a great break. Caroline

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All,

As we are about to head into shutdown period we would be grateful for any update on whether you think agrément for HOM Brussels is likely to come through in the next day or so?

I will be on leave from 24 Dec to 13 Jan, so if agrément comes in over the Christmas shutdown, would you please let all above email recipients know so the next steps can be put into play. HOMSES are holding tight on booking flights so the earlier they can proceed the more options will be available.

As a quick update from our end, the GG has pre-signed (undated) credentials papers for Belgium and EU for HOM. I have packaged these up for post via Dip Bag (separate email with soft copies and instructions) marked to David's attention. (NATO/Luxembourg letters will be processed later).

I have pre-prepared a draft media release in consultation with post and FAS's OTN and DND. This is currently with a/g Dep Sec DMG office for bio input/final clearance. Once cleared we can progress to FMO so they have it ready should agrément come through early January and they want to announce before his expected start on 13 January. (with strict instruction not to announce until DFAT confirm agrément is through).

Kind regards

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From: Brussels
From File:
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References: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
The cable has the following attachment/s -
BELGIUM - Agrément approval - Ambassador Designate.pdf
Response: Routine, Information Only

We received a TPN on 23 December, dated 20 December, advising that the King of the Belgians has granted agrément to General (Rtd) Angus Campbell AO, DSC as Ambassador to Belgium. We have also notified the European Union.

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Hi Clare,

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