
From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 1:10 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii); HK Yu; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: s 33(b) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 33(b)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) I assume that the visa application needs to be lodged before we can consider waving visa fees?

s 33(b)

Best regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Tuesday, 29 April 2025 7:57 AM
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<HK.Yu@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re: s 33(b) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

Yes copying HOM and CMO for their early visibility.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Are we able to discern out the VP's purpose of travel and who will be expected to be in the travelling party?

s 47F(1)

s 33(a)(iii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: FW: s 33(b) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

We have heard that Vice President Sara Duterte is planning to visit Australia in mid-June.

Should we give Home Affairs and desk a heads up?

Best regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: s 33(b) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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

Giving you a heads up regarding possible travel to Australia of Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte, and probably related request for visa application facilitation. Although, as mentioned by s 22(1)(a)(i) there's no hint yet of the latter.

Not sure if this is something that senior management would like to be aware of as well.

Regards
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: <dfat.gov.au>
Subject: visa inquiry from the office of VP Sara Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

s 33(b)

s 33(a)(iii)

s 33(b)

s 33(a)(iii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d) - Pages (4-11) are exempt and the following pages have been removed

s 47F(1) - Pages (12-24) are exempt and the following pages have been removed

s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d) - Pages (25-54) are exempt and the following pages have been removed

s 33(b)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 3:00 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Vice President Sara Duterte's personal trip to Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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

I have made small edit. It looks good to me. Can s 22(1)(a)(ii) organize for DHOM to sign the form this afternoon or tomorrow morning?

Best regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Vice President Sara Duterte's personal trip to Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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

Thank you so much for drafting the endorsement form. I made a few small edits to the form. I'm a little unclear on what the process is sorry- do we need to ask DHOM to endorse the form? And then go back to Home Affairs with the contact details you added to the table below?

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Importance: High

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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

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@dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Subject: RE: Vice President Sara Duterte's personal trip to Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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

Moya/^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} – FYI – related to VP Duterte’s proposed trip to Australia. ^{s 33(b)}

^{s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)}

Any issues please give me a call.

Many thanks to ^{s 22(1)(a)(iii)} for his quick advice on this.

^{s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)}

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

Best,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: FW: Vice President Sara Duterte's personal trip to Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

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

We received some visa questions from the Office of the Vice President (please see below). As s 22(1)(a)(ii) is out of the office, could we please ask your advice on how to respond?

Thanks in advance,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

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

Kind regards
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 HK Yu
Subject: RE: Vice President Sara Duterte's personal trip to Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi team,

I can confirm all members of the OVP team accompanying the VP to Australia have visas finalised.

Best,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: s 33(b) @dfat.gov.au>; Moya Collett <Moya.Collett@dfat.gov.au>; s 33(b) @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: Vice President Sara Duterte's personal trip to Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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

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As committed yesterday, attached is the DHOM signed endorsement of the visa applicants from the Office of the Vice President. Kindly advise if you need any further information.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: RE: Vice President Sara Duterte's personal trip to Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

While we finalise DFAT's formal endorsement to Home Affair, s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b), s 47E(d), s 47F(1)
 s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b), s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b), s 47E(d), s 47F(1)

We aim to give you the endorsement form tomorrow morning.

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

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

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Importance: High

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

Moya/ s 22(1)(a)(ii) – FYI – related to VP Duterte’s proposed trip to Australia. s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

Any issues please give me a call.

Many thanks to s 22(1)(a)(ii) for his quick advice on this.

Please see below responses:

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

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

Best,

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Subject: FW: Vice President Sara Duterte's personal trip to Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
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OFFICIAL:Sensitive

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

s 33(b)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
As

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Thanks in advance,

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To: "Moya Collett" <Moya.Collett@dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii) dfat.gov.au>

Subject: FW: another group travelling to Australia - Office of VP Sara Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

s 33(b)

Best regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: another group travelling to Australia - Office of VP Sara Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

As mentioned earlier, s 33(b)

They have yet to advise travel dates. We are waiting for further details and the letter of endorsement from the OVP but will keep you posted.

Cheers

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc:
Subject: Re: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) - will advise our seniors, PRB and VSO in the morning, and also update FMO.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: s 33(b) <@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi Desk colleagues,

Heads up that there is a pro-Duterte rally planned for the weekend (Sunday June 22) in Melbourne:
[Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times](#)

Apparently Sara herself will attend (you'll remember she was granted a visa a few weeks back). The article suggests she may be joined by Senator Imee Marcos, Robin Padilla and Bong Go.

s 33(b)

I'd suggest its worth flagging with seniors/FMO as something to be aware of, in case of media enquiries. Duterte rallies have been happening across the world on a regular basis for months, so it was only a matter of time before something like this happened in Australia^{s 33(a)(iii)}

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

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 19 June 2025 2:24 AM
To: Protocol Branch; s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; Media
Cc: Lauren Bain; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Good morning colleagues,

For awareness, Manila Post has shared media reporting overnight regarding a planned rally in Melbourne on Sunday 22 June in support of former Philippine President Duterte (currently detained at the International Criminal Court in the Hague):

Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times

<https://philtimes.com.au/free-duterte-now-melbourne-rally-june-2025/>

<https://tribune.net.ph/2025/06/18/sara-leads-free-duterte-rally-down-under>

<https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/18/filipino-australian-groups-urge-canberra-to-bar-duterte-marcos-visit/daily-feed/>

Reporting suggests that Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte will attend. s 33(b)

We are aware that Home Affairs recently received a Visitor Visa application for VP Duterte, for personal travel to Australia s 47F(1) in June, not for an official visit.

@Protocol Branch and VSO colleagues – grateful for your assistance sharing with AFP / VicPol for their awareness.

We will advise FMO and PM&C for awareness.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) for the heads up. Could you please share any update you provide to FMO, including any talking points? We may update PMO on this.

Best regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Acting Senior Adviser

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Subject: Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii) and team,

For awareness, Manila Post has shared media reporting overnight regarding a planned rally in Melbourne on Sunday 22 June in support of former Philippine President Duterte (currently detained at the International Criminal Court in the Hague):

- **Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times:**
<https://philtimes.com.au/free-duterte-now-melbourne-rally-june-2025/>
- <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/06/18/sara-leads-free-duterte-rally-down-under>
- <https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/18/filipino-australian-groups-urge-canberra-to-bar-duterte-marcos-visit/daily-feed/>

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We will advise FMO, for their awareness.

Kind regards,

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Cc: DLO FM; Michelle Chan; Lauren Bain; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For FMO awareness - Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte [REDACTED]

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

Further to our earlier advice regarding Philippine VP Sara Duterte's visitor visa application - Manila Post has shared media reporting overnight regarding a planned rally in Melbourne on Sunday 22 June in support of former Philippine President Duterte:

- Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times: <https://philtimes.com.au/free-duterte-now-melbourne-rally-june-2025/>
- <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/06/18/sara-leads-free-duterte-rally-down-under>
- <https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/18/filipino-australian-groups-urge-canberra-to-bar-duterte-marcos-visit/daily-feed/>

Reporting suggests that Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte will attend the rally.

s 33(b)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Separate media reporting of 10 June reported on VP Duterte's recent travel to Malaysia for a 'personal trip' where she engaged with the Filipino community in KL and led Philippine Independence Day celebrations:

- <https://globalnation.inquirer.net/279916/sara-duterte-heads-to-malaysia-on-a-personal-trip>
- <https://globalnation.inquirer.net/280477/sara-duterte-back-in-ph-after-malaysia-trip>

We have advised PM&C and DFAT Victoria State Office.

We are also seeking talking points from Home Affairs.

We will continue to monitor and inform you of any future developments.

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

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Subject: RE: For FMO awareness - Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte

[REDACTED]

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

Thanks for this. Confirming we support the department's proposed handling.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Senior Adviser to Senator the Hon Penny Wong
Leader of the Government in the Senate
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Labor Senator for South Australia
s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au) | M: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: For FMO awareness - Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte

[REDACTED]

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

For FMO awareness, the Department of Home Affairs has received a Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte.

Ms Duterte plans to travel to Australia in June 2025 (17-25 June), for tourism purposes s 47F(1)

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

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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No surprise I guess.

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Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 4:33 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>
Subject: FW: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

FYI – HA TPs attached.

DHOM Manila of the view that DFAT (Canberra) will need to play a role in drafting TPs, in addition to the attached.

We can action tomorrow.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Date: Thursday, 19 June 2025 at 1:20:12 pm
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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, "HK Yu" @dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>

<HK.Yu@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I will advise HA HQ to update the TPs and confirm that HA and DFAT CBR are in contact re this issue.

Regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Department of Home Affairs
Australian Embassy in The Philippines
Level 23 Tower 2, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue, Makati City 1200
Phone: s 22(1)(a)(ii) | Voicenet: s 22(1)(a)(ii) | Mobile s 22(1)(a)(ii)
<https://philippines.embassy.gov.au/>



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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; HK Yu <HK.Yu@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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

(And to correct my quick typing below, hopefully it's obvious I mean DFAT will need to develop TPs for Ministers)
M

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Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 1:00:59 PM
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<HK.Yu@dfat.gov.au>

@dfat.gov.au>, "HK Yu"

Subject: Re: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Can I assume HA in Canberra is in close contact with DFAT on this issue? If the VP turns up at a rally on Sunday Ministers will need to develop TPs that go beyond a line about not being able to divulge issues about visas for privacy reasons. I'll pass on to DFAT as well.
M

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

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

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@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

On 16 June 2025, HA HQ received MinCorro from sixteen individuals representing a range of Australian/Filipino organisations addressed to Minister Burke (ccing in the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Assistant Minister Citizenship, Customs and Multicultural Affairs) raising concerns regarding **Vice President Sara DUTERTE** s 47F(1) presence in Australia.

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

Attached is a copy of the letter and cleared TPs.

The following information relates to the officials mentioned in the article and their visa status.

- **Vice President Sara DUTERTE** s 47F(1) and team of 6 staff from the OVP and ASPG have valid visas and are all currently in Australia.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

HA will track developments and process any visa applications as per BAU procedures s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

Please let us know if you require further information.

Regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Department of Home Affairs
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Level 23 Tower 2, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue, Makati City 1200
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<https://philippines.embassy.gov.au/>



From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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FYI

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Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 7:18:43 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>, "Moya Collett" <Moya.Collett@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Thanks for the below information.

The VP and her traveling party were granted visas. We have had a number of escalations come through DFAT to prioritize visa applications for the below officials - s 22(1)(a)(ii) is pulling a list together this morning.

This is first information I've received about there being any coordinated travel by these officials or travel for the purpose of attending political rallies/demonstrations.

I've referred the below to my AS Temp Visa (s 22(1)(a)(ii)) s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

I'll revert if I have any further updates from HQ.

Best
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
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Subject: FW: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii) for your awareness – if you weren't already tracking. I note Filipino advocacy groups in Australia have apparently written letters to Minister Burke and the PM saying we should deny entry to Sara, Imee Marcos, Bong Go and Robin Padilla. (according to the article below)

Has your team had any outreach from the offices of the below officials? I remember you said Sara had a visa already. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Heads up - Duterte rally in Melbourne this weekend [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi Desk colleagues,

Heads up that there is a pro-Duterte rally planned for the weekend (Sunday June 22) in Melbourne: Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times

Apparently Sara herself will attend (s 47F(1)). The article suggests she may be joined by Senator Imee Marcos, Robin Padilla and Bong Go.

s 33(b)

s 33(b)

I'd suggest its worth flagging with seniors/FMO as something to be aware of, in case of media enquiries. Duterte rallies have been happening across the world on a regular basis for months, so it was only a matter of time before something like this happened in Australia s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

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

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Sent: Thursday, 19 June 2025 5:48 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @homeaffairs.gov.au;
 CACB Coordination
Subject: Re: Request for TPs - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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

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

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 Southeast Asia Maritime Branch | Southeast Asia Maritime Division
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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Letter is attached – PM, FM and AM CCMA were also cc'd.

My Section is managing the corro as a Cat B, with AMI to respond.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Immigration Compliance Group
Department of Home Affairs
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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

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

I note that our media team are already aware of this matter. Our pre-emptive media TPs copied below for your reference.

s 22(1)(a)(ii) I understand MHA may have received a letter about this issue. Are you able to share that with us and DFAT? – Thanks!

TALKING POINTS OFFICIAL**Attributable to a Departmental spokesperson:**

- Due to privacy reasons, the Department cannot comment on individual cases.

On background OFFICIAL (for use in reporting, not for attribution):

All non-citizens who wish to travel to, enter or remain in Australia must satisfy the requirements of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) and the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations), including identity, health, character and security requirements.

The Australian Government is committed to protecting the Australian community from the risk of harm posed by non-citizens who engage in criminal conduct or behaviour of concern.

Non-citizens who do not comply with their visa conditions, or who may pose a risk to the health and safety of the Australian community, can expect to have their visas considered for cancellation.

Further information regarding the character requirements is available at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character>

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Immigration Reform and Engagement Branch
Migration and Temporary Visas Division
Department of Home Affairs

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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Further to my earlier email – please see the below SBS article, published this afternoon, noting the last line.

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Human rights advocates raise concerns over VP Sara Duterte's visit to Melbourne | SBS Filipino

<https://www.sbs.com.au/language/filipino/en/podcast-episode/human-rights-advocates-raise-concerns-over-vp-sara-dutertes-visit-to-melbourne/6exj7ka3x>

A “peace rally” in support of former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is set to take place this Sunday in Melbourne. However, the event is drawing criticism from several Filipino-Australian groups and human rights advocates who are voicing strong opposition to the expected attendance of Vice President Sara Duterte and Senator Imee Marcos.

KEY POINTS

- Melba Marginson, convenor of the Australians for Philippine Human Rights Network, shares their stand and urges the Australian government to take action.
- According to groups such as BAYAN Australia, Gabriela, Migrante, and AnakBayan the visit appears to signal support for impunity and could sow division within the Filipino community in Australia.
- **As of now, the Australian government has not released an official statement regarding the visa status or travel plans of the visiting officials.**

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

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@dfat.gov.au>; ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} @dfat.gov.au>; ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: Request for TPs - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte
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OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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

Thanks for taking my call.

As discussed, and for your awareness, DFAT Manila Post has shared media reporting overnight regarding a planned rally in Melbourne on **Sunday 22 June** in support of former Philippine President Duterte (currently detained at the International Criminal Court in the Hague):

- Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times: <https://philtimes.com.au/free-duterte-now-melbourne-rally-june-2025/>
- <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/06/18/sara-leads-free-duterte-rally-down-under>
- <https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/18/filipino-australian-groups-urge-canberra-to-bar-duterte-marcos-visit/daily-feed/>

Reporting suggests that Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte will attend the rally. We are aware that Home Affairs recently received a Visitor Visa application for VP Duterte, for personal travel to Australia ^{s 47F(1)} not for an official visit.

^{s 33(b)}

We have advised DFAT Victoria State Office, DFAT media and PM&C, and will advise FMO.

We anticipate PM&C and FMO may request TPs in response to VP Duterte's travel to Australia (and the three Senators) and would welcome any TPs/advice from Home Affairs.

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

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s 47E(d) - Pages (92-94) are exempt and the following pages have been removed

If raised media TPs: Philippines Vice President Sara Duterte attendance at Melbourne “Free Duterte now” rally (22 June 2025)

If asked: Is the Government supporting Philippines Vice President Duterte’s visit to Australia?

- No. Ms Duterte’s visit to Australia is in a private capacity.

If asked: Was the Government aware of Vice President Duterte’s plans to attend the Melbourne rally *before* granting her a visa?

- Due to privacy reasons, the Government cannot comment on individual cases.
- *Refer follow-up questions on visa status/application process to Home Affairs.*

If asked: Are you concerned Vice President Duterte's appearance at the Melbourne rally will harm the Filipino-Australian diaspora / social cohesion?

- Over 400,000 Australians have Filipino heritage – our fifth-largest migrant community
 - ‘Fil-Aussies’ are an integral part of a vibrant multicultural Australia.
- Freedom of expression and the right to protest peacefully is an important part of Australia’s democracy.
- Protest activities that involve violence or incite hatred are not welcome in our communities and will not be tolerated.

s 22(1)(a)(iii)

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

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

On 18 June 2025, Philippine media reported that Ms Duterte was expected to attend a 22 June rally in Melbourne, “Free Duterte Now”, in support of her father, former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte:

- <https://philtimes.com.au/free-duterte-now-melbourne-rally-june-2025/>
- <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/06/18/sara-leads-free-duterte-rally-down-under>
- <https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/18/filipino-australian-groups-urge-canberra-to-bar-duterte-marcos-visit/daily-feed/>

s 33(b)

s 47F(1) Home Affairs confirmed that Visitor visas were granted to Ms Duterte s 22(1)(a)(ii)

On 19 June, SBS [reported](#) an opposing rally by anti-Duterte groups was in preparation.

On 20 June, Philippine media [reports](#) confirmed that Ms Duterte would travel to Australia for the 22 June rally in Melbourne.

DFAT has advised DFAT Victoria State Office, DFAT Protocol, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and is continuing to monitor developments.

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If raised media TPs: VP Duterte attendance at 'peace' rally (22 June) in Melbourne
s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

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

MO only background below.

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Ministers' Office only background (not for public release):

s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b), s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b), s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

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

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Subject: **For FMO Clearance** s 47F(1) /SBS regarding Sara Duterte visiting Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL**MEDIA ENQUIRY FOR CLEARANCE****JOURNALIST:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) SBS**DEADLINE:** Not Specified**DFAT POC:** Lauren Bain, First Assistant Secretary Southeast Asia Maritime Division, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

Grateful clearance of the below response to s 47F(1) /SBS regarding Sara Duterte's visit to Australia.

MO only background to follow.

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On background (for use in reporting, not for attribution):

Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte is not visiting Australia in an official capacity.

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

Media Liaison Section
 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
 T s 22(1)(a)(ii) | E media@dfat.gov.au

Note to media: Unless otherwise specified, the information contained in this email is for background only.

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Cc: s 47F(1) @sbs.com.au>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sara Duterte visiting Australia

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Hi DFAT Media,

SBS Filipino understands that the Vice President of the Philippines, Sara Duterte, will be in attendance at a 'Free Duterte' rally at the Parliament Gardens in Melbourne on Sunday (22 June) from 10am-4pm in support of her father, former President Rodrigo Duterte, who is currently detained in The Hague.

I'm checking to see whether DFAT can disclose the nature of her visit, is it an official visit?

Do we know when she's due to arrive in Australia? And whether DFAT has an itinerary that you can disclose to the media?

Many thanks,

s 47F(1)

Lead, Editorial Collaboration

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Sent: Friday, 20 June 2025 9:40 AM
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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: **For FMO Clearance** s 47F(1) /SBS regarding Sara Duterte visiting Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thank you,

This is good to go background only.

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

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Sara Duterte visiting Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good evening s 47F(1)

Please see the below response to your enquiry.

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Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte is not visiting Australia in an official capacity.

//

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Just in case you have not been informed, VP Sara and several PH senators are attending a "**Free Duterte Now**" rally in Melbourne on Sunday.

A "**Sara Duterte Not Welcome**" rally, in response, will also be held on the same day in the same city.

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

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

Happy to discuss further if required.

Thanks

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Good morning

Updated TPs attached s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) in HA CBR has confirmed that she will engage with her counterpart in DFAT CBR.

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Excellent thank you!

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Date	17 June 2025		
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ISSUE

Pre-emptive talking points in relation to visa holder Ms Sara DUTERTE^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

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s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d), s 47C(1)

Media reporting:

Ms DUTERTE has been the subject of significant media reporting in the Philippines. The most significant recent (since 2024) reporting is included at Attachment A. Australian based media reporting is limited with the most significant reporting outlined below:

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- On 24 November 2024, ABC Australia reported that Ms DUTERTE had said that she had contracted an assassin to kill President Marcos, his wife and the speaker of the Philippines' House of Representatives if she herself is killed. In response to her comments, the Presidential Security Command said it had heightened and strengthened security protocols.
- On 6 February 2025, The Guardian reported that Ms DUTERTE had been impeached on a range of accusations that include plotting to assassinate the president, large-scale corruption and failing to strongly denounce China's aggressive actions against Filipino forces in the disputed South China Sea. Ms DUTERTE didn't immediately comment on her impeachment, but her brother, Representative Paolo Duterte, said it was "*a clear act of political persecution.*"
- On 19 June 2025 SBS Filipino reported that:
 - o *Human rights advocates raise concerns over VP Sara Duterte's visit to Melbourne. The podcast noted that A "peace rally" in support of former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is set to take place this Sunday in Melbourne. However, the event is drawing criticism from several Filipino-Australian groups and human rights advocates who are voicing strong opposition to the expected attendance of Vice President Sara Duterte and Senator Imee Marcos. Human rights advocates raise concerns over VP Sara Duterte's visit to Melbourne | SBS Filipino*
 - o *Over 3,000 expected at Melbourne peace rally with VP Sara Duterte in attendance. The podcast noted that Vice President Sara Duterte, along with Senators Imee Marcos and Robin Padilla, is expected to attend the rally, which is projected to draw over 3,000 supporters. Over 3,000 expected at Melbourne peace rally with VP Sara Duterte in attendance | SBS Filipino*

Open source reporting suggests that, Ms DUTERTE's impeachment trial is scheduled to commence in June 2025. The Department sought confirmation from DFAT, who has been unable to confirm these reports.

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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ATTACHMENT A

Significant Filipino based media since 2024

On 24 January 2024, the Inquirer reported that the testimony of a confessed hit man for the Davao Death Squad (DDS) served as the main basis for the inclusion of Ms DUTERTE as a “secondary” respondent in a crimes against humanity case before the International Criminal Court (ICC). Reportedly, the retired police officer implicated Ms DUTERTE as having had a role in extrajudicial killings, when she took over the mayoral duties in 2010 from her father and “agreed to continue” the “*tokhang*” approach. However, Ms DUTERTE has disputed these claims, stating that not once during her term as Davao City Mayor and Vice Mayor was she linked with the DDS.

On 8 March 2024, Philstar Global reported that Ms DUTERTE believes that she has been targeted by an “*organized demolition job*” based on the escalation of personal attacks against her online as well as the public’s reaction to her push for confidential funds last year. In a statement, Ms DUTERTE said recent “*attacks*” meant to ruin her reputation have become more “*intense, severe and desperate*” and these aim to frame her as a “*killer*” or “*someone corrupt, abusive, traitorous and a war lord*”.

On 18 September 2024, the Philippine News Agency reported that Ms DUTERTE had asserted that there was “*no misuse of funds*” as she faced a congressional inquiry on her office’s budget utilisation. During the hearing conducted by the House Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, Ms DUTERTE maintained that the Office of the Vice President had done nothing wrong, stating “*There is no misuse of funds. If there are audit findings, we shall gladly respond to them before the Commission on Audit. And if there are legitimate cases to be filed, then we shall gladly respond to them before the appropriate courts*”.

On 19 October 2024, the Inquirer reported that Ms DUTERTE had said that she had warned the family of President Marcos that she would dig up the body of their patriarch, Ferdinand Marcos Sr, and dump it into the sea if they continued to attack her. Reportedly, Ms DUTERTE stated “*I told Senator Imee (Marcos), if you don’t stop, I will dig the grave of your father and I will throw him to the WPS (West Philippine Sea). One of these days, I will really go there and get his body*”.

On 24 November 2024, the Sunstar reported that Ms DUTERTE clarified her statement regarding her instruction to have President Marcos, First Lady and House Speaker assassinated in the event of her death. In an interview, Ms DUTERTE said she was not threatening the Marcos’ and Romualdez, stressing that she only made the statement to highlight the serious threats to her own life.

On 29 November 2024, the Office of the President of the Philippines reported that President Marcos stood firm that he does not support calls for the impeachment of Ms DUTERTE, as it would not benefit the Filipino people, stating “*This is not important. This does not make any difference to even one single Filipino life. So, why waste time on this?*”

On 2 December 2024, the Philippines News Agency reported that an impeachment complaint had been made against Ms DUTERTE. The complaint details 24 articles of impeachment and cited culpable violation of the constitution, graft and corruption, bribery, betrayal of public trust, and other high crimes as grounds for impeachment.

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) suggest re-framing response to the first question as below (consistent with media response I'm drafting).

s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Framing of first question amended as discussed.
 I've looked but can't find the OVP statement re VP travelling in a personal capacity – only media reporting of it.
<https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/20/personal-trip-vp-sara-flies-to-australia-for-free-duterte-now-rally/snitch-network/>

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

You've probably gathered we're still waiting on review/input from HA and AGD – welcome any thoughts/edits in the interim.

We've got time in Lauren's diary at 4.30pm to clear.

Thanks

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Looks good – and we eagerly await AGD's advice! s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

Grateful your **asap** review of these draft TPs on the VP Duterte visit/Melbourne rally, to supplement Home Affairs' points.

These have been prepared in response to some of the issues raised in the attached correspondence to The Hon Tony Burke (Cc PM, FM and AM CCMA), shared with us by HA yesterday (HA preparing a response). Points largely drawn from recent Senate Estimates backpocket material.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Once we have Post's input we intend to clear through seniors and share with FMO and PMC later this afternoon.

Many thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

Updated TPs attached.

We will share the mincorro response as soon as it is cleared through our MO – please note that this may take several weeks.

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

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

Many thanks for sharing pre-emptive TPs and the letter to the MHA cc PM, FM, AM CCMA, MID/MMA.

Grateful for Home Affairs input/comment on the attached TPs by 1500 today? We have drafted in response to some of the issues raised in correspondence (largely drawing from our recent Senate Estimates briefs). s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Once cleared by our seniors, we plan to share TPs with FMO and PM&C later today.

Separately, we'd also welcome a copy of HA's response to the correspondence.

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

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

Letter is attached – PM, FM and AM CCMA were also cc'd.

My Section is managing the corro as a Cat B, with AMI to respond.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I note that our media team are already aware of this matter. Our pre-emptive media TPs copied below for your reference.

^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} I understand MHA may have received a letter about this issue. Are you able to share that with us and DFAT? – Thanks!

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

Further to my earlier email – please see the below SBS article, published this afternoon, noting the last line.

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Human rights advocates raise concerns over VP Sara Duterte's visit to Melbourne | SBS Filipino
<https://www.sbs.com.au/language/filipino/en/podcast-episode/human-rights-advocates-raise-concerns-over-vp-sara-dutertes-visit-to-melbourne/6exj7ka3x>

A “peace rally” in support of former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is set to take place this Sunday in Melbourne. However, the event is drawing criticism from several Filipino-Australian groups and human rights advocates who are voicing strong opposition to the expected attendance of Vice President Sara Duterte and Senator Imee Marcos.

KEY POINTS

- Melba Marginson, convenor of the Australians for Philippine Human Rights Network, shares their stand and urges the Australian government to take action.
- According to groups such as BAYAN Australia, Gabriela, Migrante, and AnakBayan the visit appears to signal support for impunity and could sow division within the Filipino community in Australia.
- As of now, the Australian government has not released an official statement regarding the visa status or travel plans of the visiting officials.

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

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

Thanks for taking my call.

As discussed, and for your awareness, DFAT Manila Post has shared media reporting overnight regarding a planned rally in Melbourne on **Sunday 22 June** in support of former Philippine President Duterte (currently detained at the International Criminal Court in the Hague):

- Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times: <https://philtimes.com.au/free-duterte-now-melbourne-rally-june-2025/>
- <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/06/18/sara-leads-free-duterte-rally-down-under>
- <https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/18/filipino-australian-groups-urge-canberra-to-bar-duterte-marcos-visit/daily-feed/>

Reporting suggests that Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte will attend the rally. We are aware that Home Affairs recently received a Visitor Visa application for VP Duterte, for personal travel to Australia s 47F(1) not for an official visit.

s 33(b)

We have advised DFAT Victoria State Office, DFAT media and PM&C, and will advise FMO.

We anticipate PM&C and FMO may request TPs in response to VP Duterte's travel to Australia (and the three Senators) and would welcome any TPs/advice from Home Affairs.

Thanks & Kind regards,
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for your call and for sending this through for our review.

We have no real update to provide to the TPs below that you have included from us. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Appreciate being kept in the loop about any further TPs or developments.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

Thanks for taking my call.

For awareness, Manila Post has shared media reporting regarding a planned rally in Melbourne on Sunday 22 June in support of former Philippine President Duterte (currently detained at the International Criminal Court in the Hague):

- Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times: <https://philtimes.com.au/free-duterte-now-melbourne-rally-june-2025/>
- <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/06/18/sara-leads-free-duterte-rally-down-under>
- <https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/18/filipino-australian-groups-urge-canberra-to-bar-duterte-marcos-visit/daily-feed/>

Reporting suggests that Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte will attend. ^{s 33(b)}

We are aware that Home Affairs recently received a Visitor Visa application for VP Duterte, for personal travel to Australia ^{s 47F(1)} not for an official visit. Home Affairs has since confirmed that visas have been granted to VP Duterte and the three Senators. Home Affairs have shared their pre-emptive media TPs (copied below):

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- The Australian Government is committed to protecting the Australian community from the risk of harm posed by non-citizens who engage in criminal conduct or behaviour of concern.
- Non-citizens who do not comply with their visa conditions, or who may pose a risk to the health and safety of the Australian community, can expect to have their visas considered for cancellation.
- Further information regarding the character requirements is available at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character>

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

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We also note the following article makes the following claim – and would **welcome any TPs from AGD in response to this** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sara leads 'Free Duterte' rally Down Under :

Vice President Sara Duterte is set to lead a "Free Duterte" rally next week in Melbourne, Australia, raising speculations the International Criminal Court (ICC) may grant former President Rodrigo Duterte an interim release for his possible transfer to an ICC member country while awaiting trial for alleged crimes against humanity.

.....

*A source close to the Vice President told Daily Tribune **the rally could be a prelude to former president Duterte's possible interim release to Australia**, an ICC member state that has consistently provided financial support to the court and plays a key role in the election of judges and other top ICC officials.*

We are continuing to monitor and are keeping PM&C and FMO updated.

Happy to discuss if any questions.

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

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My suggested cuts.

s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

regards

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Sent: Friday, 20 June 2025 4:38 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: **media enquiry for action** s 47F(1) /SBS regarding Sara Duterte visiting Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

Many thanks for checking.

Edits marked below.

I'll email the Post now on the FMO's earlier suggestion – will copy you and s 22(1)(a)(ii) in on this.

Lauren

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Subject: FW: **media enquiry for action** s 47F(1) /SBS regarding Sara Duterte visiting Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Hi Lauren,

For your clearance please – MLS advised we can draft an 'on background, not for attribution' response, with some background for FMO.

MLS advised SESB1 clearance is required (s 22(1)(a)(ii) has cleared as A/g AS SMB), but welcome advice if you wish to clear.

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

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SBS media enquiry:

Hi DFAT Media,

SBS Filipino understands that the Vice President of the Philippines, Sara Duterte, will be in attendance at a 'Free Duterte' rally at the Parliament Gardens in Melbourne on Sunday (22 June) from 10am-4pm in support of her father, former President Rodrigo Duterte, who is currently detained in The Hague.

I'm checking to see whether DFAT can disclose the nature of her visit, is it an official visit?

Do we know when she's due to arrive in Australia? And whether DFAT has an itinerary that you can disclose to the media?

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

///

Clearing SES

Name: Charles Adamson

Title: A/g AS SMB

Best contact number: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: **media enquiry for action** s 47F(1) /SBS regarding Sara Duterte visiting Australia
 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

Please see below a media enquiry from s 47F(1) /SBS regarding Sara Duterte's visit to Australia.

MLS would be grateful for a draft **SES-cleared** response to this enquiry by **4:30pm today** to allow for FMO deadlines. Please let us know as soon as possible if this is unrealistic.

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

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

Please find a draft template below.

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

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s 47E(d)

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Media Liaison Section
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
T s 22(1)(a)(ii) | E media@dfat.gov.au

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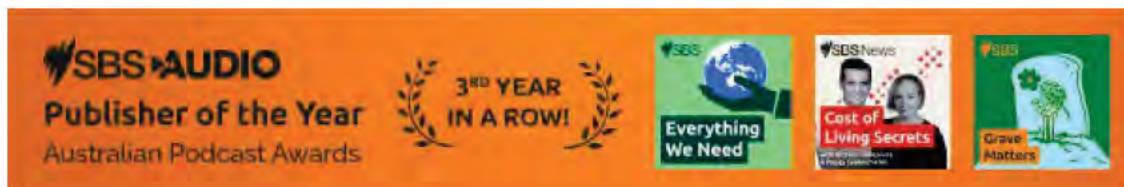
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Do we know when she's due to arrive in Australia? And whether DFAT has an itinerary that you can disclose to the media?

Many thanks,
s 47F(1)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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To: Media
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii); Lauren Bain; FAS SMD Executive Officer
Subject: RE: **media enquiry for action** s 47F(1) /SBS regarding Sara Duterte
visiting Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii) /MLS,

Please find response below – cleared by Dr Lauren Bain, FAS SMD.

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

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Hi DFAT Media,

SBS Filipino understands that the Vice President of the Philippines, Sara Duterte, will be in attendance at a 'Free Duterte' rally at the Parliament Gardens in Melbourne on Sunday (22 June) from 10am-4pm in support of her father, former President Rodrigo Duterte, who is currently detained in The Hague.

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

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Clearing SES

Name: Dr Lauren Bain

Title: First Assistant Secretary, Southeast Asia Maritime Division

Best contact number: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: For FMO awareness - Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks Lauren, much appreciated!

We'll remove the HR points.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: RE: For FMO awareness - Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

Edits in the attached.

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

Lauren

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Cc: Charles Adamson <Charles.Adamson@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: For FMO awareness - Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Hi Lauren

For your review/clearance please, if raised media TPs and background relating to VP Duterte's travel to Australia and appearance at a "Free Duterte now" rally this Sunday in Melbourne.

Points consulted with Home Affairs, AGD, Manila Post and cleared by ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Once cleared by you, we'll share with media, MNL Post, FMO and agencies (HA, AGD, PM&C).

Many thanks

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

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Subject: RE: For FMO awareness - Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte
[REDACTED]

Thanks, Lauren.

As discussed, we understand from Philippine media reporting that VP Duterte is en route to Australia:
<https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/20/personal-trip-vp-sara-flies-to-australia-for-free-duterte-now-rally/snitch-network/>

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

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Subject: RE: For FMO awareness - Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte
[REDACTED]

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

Many thanks.

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

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Subject: FW: For FMO awareness - Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte




Lauren,

Bringing to the top of your inbox ahead of your 1430 with FMO.

- We are drafting 'if raised' TPs for FMO, in consultation with Manila Post, Home Affairs and AGD – and will seek your clearance shortly. Once cleared, we will also share with PM&C and Home Affairs.
- We have also received a media enquiry from SBS a short time ago (attached) – currently drafting a response, for your clearance this afternoon (due at 1630 today).
- Philippine media reporting on this issue today has reported on VP Duterte's travel to Australia for the rally: <https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/20/personal-trip-vp-sara-flies-to-australia-for-free-duterte-now-rally/snitch-network/>

Happy to discuss if any questions.

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

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@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: RE: For FMO awareness - Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte

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

Further to our earlier advice regarding Philippine VP Sara Duterte's visitor visa application - Manila Post has shared media reporting overnight regarding a planned rally in Melbourne on Sunday 22 June in support of former Philippine President Duterte:

- Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times: <https://philtimes.com.au/free-duterte-now-melbourne-rally-june-2025/>
- <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/06/18/sara-leads-free-duterte-rally-down-under>
- <https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/18/filipino-australian-groups-urge-canberra-to-bar-duterte-marcos-visit/daily-feed/>

Reporting suggests that Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte will attend the rally.

s 33(b)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Separate media reporting of 10 June reported on VP Duterte's recent travel to Malaysia for a 'personal trip' where she engaged with the Filipino community in KL and led Philippine Independence Day celebrations:

- <https://globalnation.inquirer.net/279916/sara-duterte-heads-to-malaysia-on-a-personal-trip>
- <https://globalnation.inquirer.net/280477/sara-duterte-back-in-ph-after-malaysia-trip>

We have advised PM&C and DFAT Victoria State Office.

We are also seeking talking points from Home Affairs.

We will continue to monitor and inform you of any future developments.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: RE: For FMO awareness - Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

Thanks for this. Confirming we support the department's proposed handling.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Senior Adviser 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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Subject: For FMO awareness - Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

For FMO awareness, the Department of Home Affairs has received a Visitor visa application from Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte.

Ms Duterte plans to travel to Australia in June 2025 (17-25 June), for tourism purposes s 47F(1)

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

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

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

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[REDACTED]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii) sharing for Post's awareness.

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

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Subject: For FMO awareness - Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte attendance at 22 June Melbourne rally [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

Please find attached 'if raised' media TPs for FMO – cleared by Dr Lauren Bain (FAS SMD), and developed in consultation with Manila Post, Home Affairs and Attorney-General's Department.

Home Affairs have separately advised that Visitor visas were granted to Ms Duterte s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We understand from Philippine media reporting that Ms Duterte is en route to Australia:
<https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/20/personal-trip-vp-sara-flies-to-australia-for-free-duterte-now-rally/snitch-network/>

We have also responded to an SBS media enquiry earlier today (see attached – which we understand will be shared with FMO media team this afternoon).

We are continuing to monitor developments and will update FMO (and PM&C) as required.

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

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To: Lauren Bain <Lauren.Bain@dfat.gov.au>; Moya Collett <Moya.Collett@dfat.gov.au>
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Subject: RE: Sara Duterte visit to Australia [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Okay, thanks Lauren.

From: Lauren Bain <Lauren.Bain@dfat.gov.au>
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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - and for awareness - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Attachments: VP Duterte attendance at 22 June Melbourne rally - if raised TPs - FAS SMD cleared 20 June 2025.docx
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find attached 'if raised' media TPs - cleared by Dr Lauren Bain, First Assistant Secretary Southeast Asia Maritime Division. These have been shared with FMO and PM&C a short time ago.

We are continuing to monitor developments and will update FMO as required.

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

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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - and for awareness - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Many thanks, ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} much appreciated.

We will keep AGD updated on further TPs and any future developments.

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

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

Thanks for your call and for sending this through for our review.

We have no real update to provide to the TPs below that you have included from us. ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

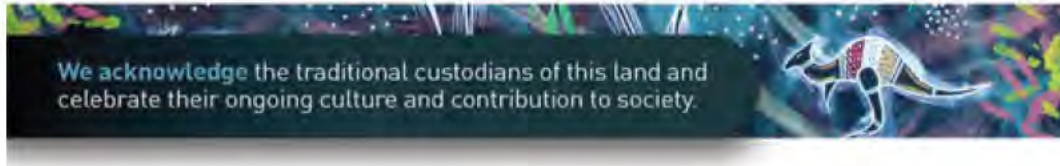
Appreciate being kept in the loop about any further TPs or developments.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

Thanks for taking my call.

For awareness, Manila Post has shared media reporting regarding a planned rally in Melbourne on Sunday 22 June in support of former Philippine President Duterte (currently detained at the International Criminal Court in the Hague):

- Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times: <https://philtimes.com.au/free-duterte-now-melbourne-rally-june-2025/>
- <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/06/18/sara-leads-free-duterte-rally-down-under>
- <https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/18/filipino-australian-groups-urge-canberra-to-bar-duterte-marcos-visit/daily-feed/>

Reporting suggests that Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte will attend. s 33(b)

We are aware that Home Affairs recently received a Visitor Visa application for VP Duterte, for personal travel to Australia s 47F(1) not for an official visit. Home Affairs has since confirmed that visas have been granted to VP Duterte and the three Senators. Home Affairs have shared their pre-emptive media TPs (copied below:

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Attributable to a Departmental spokesperson:

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- The Australian Government is committed to protecting the Australian community from the risk of harm posed by non-citizens who engage in criminal conduct or behaviour of concern.
- Non-citizens who do not comply with their visa conditions, or who may pose a risk to the health and safety of the Australian community, can expect to have their visas considered for cancellation.
- Further information regarding the character requirements is available at:
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character>

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We also note the following article makes the following claim – and would **welcome any TPs from AGD in response to this** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sara leads 'Free Duterte' rally Down Under :

Vice President Sara Duterte is set to lead a "Free Duterte" rally next week in Melbourne, Australia, raising speculations the International Criminal Court (ICC) may grant former President Rodrigo Duterte an interim release for his possible transfer to an ICC member country while awaiting trial for alleged crimes against humanity.

.....

*A source close to the Vice President told Daily Tribune **the rally could be a prelude to former president Duterte's possible interim release to Australia**, an ICC member state that has consistently provided financial support to the court and plays a key role in the election of judges and other top ICC officials.*

We are continuing to monitor and are keeping PM&C and FMO updated.

Happy to discuss if any questions.

Thanks & Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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For awareness, Manila Post has shared media reporting overnight regarding a planned rally in Melbourne on Sunday 22 June in support of former Philippine President Duterte (currently detained at the International Criminal Court in the Hague):

Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times

<https://philtimes.com.au/free-duterte-now-melbourne-rally-june-2025/>

<https://tribune.net.ph/2025/06/18/sara-leads-free-duterte-rally-down-under>

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Reporting suggests that Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte will attend. s 33(b)

We are aware that Home Affairs recently received a Visitor Visa application for VP Duterte, for personal travel to Australia s 47F(1) not for an official visit.

@Protocol Branch and VSO colleagues – grateful for your assistance sharing with AFP / VicPol for their awareness.

We will advise FMO and PM&C for awareness.

Kind regards,
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We are continuing to monitor developments and will update FMO and PM&C as required.

Kind regards,
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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Many thanks for sharing pre-emptive TPs and the letter to the MHA cc PM, FM, AM CCMA, MID/MMA.

Grateful for Home Affairs input/comment on the attached TPs by 1500 today? We have drafted in response to some of the issues raised in correspondence (largely drawing from our recent Senate Estimates briefs). ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Once cleared by our seniors, we plan to share TPs with FMO and PM&C later today.

Separately, we'd also welcome a copy of HA's response to the correspondence.

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

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Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Re: Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

We'll update PMO now.

On 20 Jun 2025, at 5:34 pm, s 22(1)(a)(ii) dfat.gov.au> wrote:

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

Please find attached 'if raised' media TPs - cleared by Dr Lauren Bain (FAS SMD), and developed in consultation with Manila Post, Home Affairs and Attorney-General's Department. These have been shared with FMO a short time ago.

We are continuing to monitor developments and will update FMO and PM&C as required.

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

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Subject: RE: Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for your email and text message last night.

As advised last night:

1. Home Affairs have advised that visas have been granted to Vice President Marcos and the three Senators. Home Affairs media team are aware of this matter. HA shared their pre-emptive media TPs (copied below), which we will share with FMO today.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

3. Late yesterday we also shared with FMO the earlier advice provided to PM&C. We also advised DFAT Victoria State Office and DFAT Protocol Branch and requested conveying this information to Victoria Police and AFP respectively.

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Attributable to a Departmental spokesperson:

1. Due to privacy reasons, the Department cannot comment on individual cases.

On background OFFICIAL (for use in reporting, not for attribution):

2. All non-citizens who wish to travel to, enter or remain in Australia must satisfy the requirements of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) and the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations), including identity, health, character and security requirements.
3. The Australian Government is committed to protecting the Australian community from the risk of harm posed by non-citizens who engage in criminal conduct or behaviour of concern.
4. Non-citizens who do not comply with their visa conditions, or who may pose a risk to the health and safety of the Australian community, can expect to have their visas considered for cancellation.
5. Further information regarding the character requirements is available at:
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character>

We will continue to monitor today, and keep you (and FMO) informed of any future developments.

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

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Subject: RE: Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Just checking in to see whether you had managed to find out any more about this matter today – including from DHA whether VP Duterte had been issued a visa.

Grateful for any update, and feel free to call me at the mobile number below if easier.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Subject: Home Affairs request for DFAT views - Senator Imee Marcos visitor visa [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
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Hi Moya s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For Post's awareness, Home Affairs shared the attached letter from concerned Filipino-Australians regarding the 22 June Melbourne rally, which was sent to the Minister for Home Affairs, cc PM, FM, AM CCMA and MID/MMA.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks & Kind regards,

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From: HK Yu
Sent: Friday, 20 June 2025 7:14 PM
To: Lauren Bain; Moya Collett
Cc: Michelle Chan; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Re: Sara Duterte visit to Australia [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Excellent outcome! Thanks Lauren.

From: "Lauren Bain" <Lauren.Bain@dfat.gov.au>
Date: Friday, June 20, 2025 at 5:11:30 PM
To: "HK Yu" <HK.Yu@dfat.gov.au>, "Moya Collett" <Moya.Collett@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: "Michelle Chan" <Michelle.Chan@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii)
@dfat.gov.au>, 's 22(1)(a)(ii) dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Sara Duterte visit to Australia [REDACTED]

HK

s 33(a)(iii)

Thanks for the quick advice!

Lauren

From: "HK Yu" <HK.Yu@dfat.gov.au>
Date: Friday, 20 June 2025 at 5:36:10 pm
To: "Lauren Bain" <Lauren.Bain@dfat.gov.au>, "Moya Collett" <Moya.Collett@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: "Michelle Chan" <Michelle.Chan@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii)
@dfat.gov.au>, 's 22(1)(a)(ii) dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Sara Duterte visit to Australia [REDACTED]

Okay, thanks Lauren.

From: Lauren Bain <Lauren.Bain@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2025 3:34 PM
To: HK Yu <HK.Yu@dfat.gov.au>; Moya Collett <Moya.Collett@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: Michelle Chan <Michelle.Chan@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Subject: RE: Sara Duterte visit to Australia [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks HK

s 33(a)(iii) – thankyou. I'll have a further chat with FMO and will come back to you if needed.

Lauren

From: HK Yu <HK.Yu@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 20 June 2025 5:15 PM

To: Lauren Bain <Lauren.Bain@dfat.gov.au>; Moya Collett <Moya.Collett@dfat.gov.au>

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

Subject: RE: Sara Duterte visit to Australia [REDACTED]

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Happy to discuss further.

HK

From: Lauren Bain <Lauren.Bain@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, June 20, 2025 2:48 PM

To: HK Yu <HK.Yu@dfat.gov.au>; Moya Collett <Moya.Collett@dfat.gov.au>

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

Subject: Sara Duterte visit to Australia [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HK, Moya

As you'll be aware we're tracking the imminent private visit by Sara Duterte to Australia (noting we think she's enroute already).

You'll also be aware there's media coverage indicating that Ms Duterte may participate in a rally on 23 June in Melbourne in support of former President Duterte. We've been keeping FMO updated.

s 33(a)(iii)

We've received a media query (from SBS) on Ms Duterte's travel and are likely to field more queries over the coming days.

Lauren

Dr Lauren Bain

First Assistant Secretary
Southeast Asia Maritime Division | Office of Southeast Asia
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Subject: PHS workplan w/c 23 June and top priorities [REDACTED]
Attachments: PHS Team Priorities and Work Planner - 2025 - as at 20 June 2025.docx

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PHS workplan for next week attached – and top priorities:

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- Media monitoring/responding to any follow up requests regarding VP Duterte's appearance at the rally in Melbourne on Sunday (TPs shared Friday 20/6 with FMO, Media, MNL Post, VSO, Protocol, PM&C, AGD and HA)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thanks

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

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Key things to action below (most/all reflected in the workplan).

Happy to discuss if any questions.

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

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For action		
Ongoing monitoring of any developments – 22 June Melbourne rally (VP Duterte + 3 senators) – keep FMO, PM&C and Post updated	s 22(1)(a)(ii)	22 June

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Duterte visit group

 ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} Lauren Bain ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}
and you

Sat, 21 Jun

 Lauren Bain added you to the group.

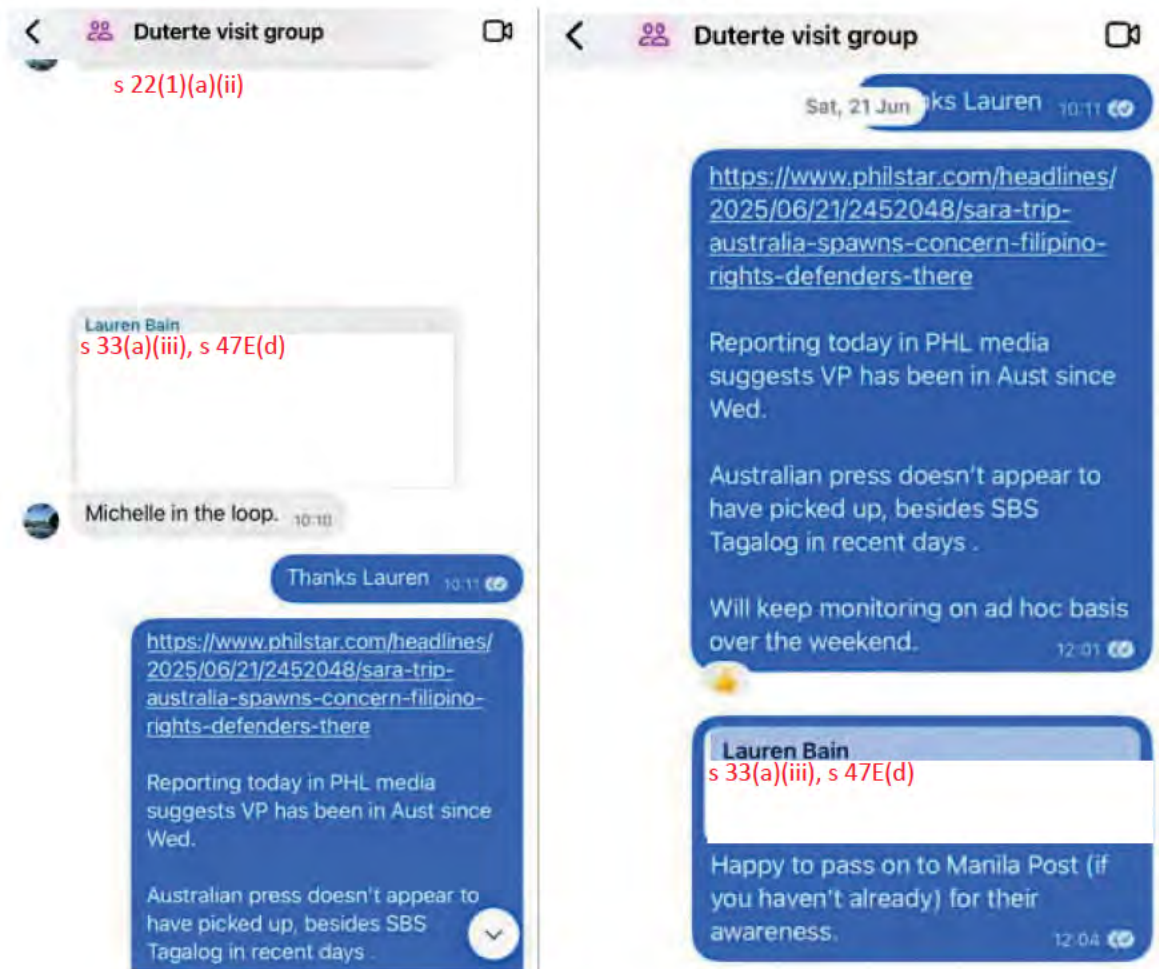
Lauren Bain

Hi all, I've set up this group for quick comms on the Sara Duterte visit.

^{s 33(b)}

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

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Lauren Bain Sat, 21 Jun

You
Happy to pass on to Manila Post (if you haven't already) for their awareness.

Thanks HOM is aware! 12:05

Sun, 22 Jun



The Philippine Times (Australia)
Happening now: Supporters of former President Rodrigo Duterte are gathering at Parliament Gardens in Melbourne, VI...
www.facebook.com

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19ENMKUie4/>

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Photos earlier this morning of the pro Duterte rally - scheduled for 1000-1600 at Parliament Gardens in Melbourne

Nothing yet in Aus media 12:01

BAYAN Australia

SARA DUTERTE NOT WELCOME Join us for a mass rally in Melbourne this Sunday, June 22. Vice President Sara Duterte al...
www.facebook.com

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16ZF15E63C/>

Counter rally from 1500 today

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 **Anakbayan Melbourne**
Sun, 22 Jun

Join us for a mass rally in Melbourne this Sunday, June 22. Vice President Sara Duterte along with Sen. Imee Marcos, S...

<https://www.facebook.com/1C4YHybR57/>

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 **Pulso Ng Bayan**
Sun, 22 Jun

LIVE: Vice President Sara Duterte attends "Free Duterte Now" Rally in Melbourne, Australia | June 22, 2025

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19KQ15PRmV/>

Sara Duterte addressing the Melbourne rally.... Mostly in Tagalog and seems to be domestic PHL issues
Edited 14:02

No Aus media reporting so far but will check SBS news reporting tonight
14:03

 Lauren Bain
Thanks ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} it's a bit of a busy news day so hopefully that means the rally goes under the radar! 14:04

Yes let's hope so 🙏🙏🙏 14:05

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You Sun, 22 Jun
<https://www.facebook.com...>
 Interesting spiel about PHL having indep foreign policy, separate from US and China, noted v good relationship with Australia... so that's positive !
 14:15 

CA Rally seems low key so far... 15:31 



Ex-president Duterte has lost weight – VP Sara
 MANILA, Philippines — Former president Rodrigo Duterte has gotten thinner, his daughter, Vice President Sara Duterte,...
www.manilatimes.net - 22 Jun 2025
<https://www.manilatimes.net/>

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daughter, vice President Sara Duterte,...
www.mar Sun, 22 Jun 1 Jun 2025

<https://www.manilatimes.net/2025/06/22/news/ex-president-duterte-has-lost-weight-vp-sara/2137495>
 Very few articles reporting on the rally, still nothing in Aus media



Anti-Duterte Rally Here in Melbourne

121 reactions | Reel by Rado Gatchalian
www.facebook.com

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1N81yMV5U3/>
 And the Anti-Duterte rally appear have been small and peaceful

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 ; Lauren Bain
Subject: Re: Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Today's pro-Duterte rally in Melbourne appeared peaceful and uneventful (similarly with the counter rally).

There was brief coverage on SBS TV news tonight, but doesn't appear to have been picked up by other Australian media.

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

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Subject: Re: Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Understand VP Duterte is now in Melbourne. Grateful if you can keep us updated on the planned protests as needed through the day.

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

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Fwd: DFAT Evening TV Summary - Sunday 22 June 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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From SBS news tonight

- [Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte in Australia to plead for her father's release.](#)

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Subject: DFAT Evening TV Summary - Sunday 22 June 2025

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Philippine Vice President in Australia

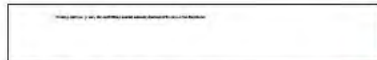
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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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All,

For your visibility the final media talking points which were updated on Friday. I note that Ms DUTERTE spoke at the rally in Melbourne yesterday and there appears to be minimal media interest in her presence in Australia.

Happy to discuss further.

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

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

Yes – FMO has been advised of the information as we shared with you yesterday afternoon.

We have not yet advised that visas were granted to VP Duterte and the three Senators – but intend to do so later today, with ‘if raised’ TPs’ (see my separate email a short time ago – attached for quick reference).

Happy to discuss if any questions.

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

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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii) – are you able to confirm if the FMO has now been advised of these cases?

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

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

Letter is attached – PM, FM and AM CCMA were also cc'd.

My Section is managing the corro as a Cat B, with AMI to respond.

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

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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Confirming that the the 3 Senators hold a valid visa to Australia s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

I note that our media team are already aware of this matter. Our pre-emptive media TPs copied below for your reference.

s 22(1)(a)(iii) understand MHA may have received a letter about this issue. Are you able to share that with us and DFAT? – Thanks!

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Further information regarding the character requirements is available at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character>

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Further to my earlier email – please see the below SBS article, published this afternoon, noting the last line.

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Human rights advocates raise concerns over VP Sara Duterte's visit to Melbourne | SBS Filipino
<https://www.sbs.com.au/language/filipino/en/podcast-episode/human-rights-advocates-raise-concerns-over-vp-sara-dutertes-visit-to-melbourne/6exj7ka3x>

A “peace rally” in support of former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is set to take place this Sunday in Melbourne. However, the event is drawing criticism from several Filipino-Australian groups and human rights advocates who are voicing strong opposition to the expected attendance of Vice President Sara Duterte and Senator Imee Marcos.

KEY POINTS

- Melba Marginson, convenor of the Australians for Philippine Human Rights Network, shares their stand and urges the Australian government to take action.
- According to groups such as BAYAN Australia, Gabriela, Migrante, and AnakBayan the visit appears to signal support for impunity and could sow division within the Filipino community in Australia.
- As of now, the Australian government has not released an official statement regarding the visa status or travel plans of the visiting officials.

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

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

Thanks for taking my call.

As discussed, and for your awareness, DFAT Manila Post has shared media reporting overnight regarding a planned rally in Melbourne on **Sunday 22 June** in support of former Philippine President Duterte (currently detained at the International Criminal Court in the Hague):

- Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times: <https://philtimes.com.au/free-duterte-now-melbourne-rally-june-2025/>
- <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/06/18/sara-leads-free-duterte-rally-down-under>
- <https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/18/filipino-australian-groups-urge-canberra-to-bar-duterte-marcos-visit/daily-feed/>

Reporting suggests that Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte will attend the rally. We are aware that Home Affairs recently received a Visitor Visa application for VP Duterte, for personal travel to Australia s 47F(1) in June, not for an official visit.

s 33(b)

We don't have any visibility regarding visa applications/travel plans for the three Senators. Grateful for any Home Affairs advice.

We have advised DFAT Victoria State Office, DFAT media and PM&C, and will advise FMO.

We anticipate PM&C and FMO may request TPs in response to VP Duterte's travel to Australia (and the three Senators) and would welcome any TPs/advice from Home Affairs.

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

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Date	17 June 2025
Type	Agency
Media Officer:	Media Ph: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Pre-emptive talking points in relation to visa holder Ms Sara DUTERTE s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Ms Sara DUTERTE (DOB: 31/05/1978, CID: 78140049471, Philippines national) is the Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines, a position she has held since 30 June 2022.

Ms DUTERTE is the daughter of former President of the Republic of the Philippines, Mr Rodrigo Roa Duterte (DOB: 28/03/1945, Philippines national).

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

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

Media reporting:

Ms DUTERTE has been the subject of significant media reporting in the Philippines. The most significant recent (since 2024) reporting is included at Attachment A. Australian based media reporting is limited with the most significant reporting outlined below:

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- On 24 November 2024, ABC Australia reported that Ms DUTERTE had said that she had contracted an assassin to kill President Marcos, his wife and the speaker of the Philippines' House of Representatives if she herself is killed. In response to her comments, the Presidential Security Command said it had heightened and strengthened security protocols.
- On 6 February 2025, The Guardian reported that Ms DUTERTE had been impeached on a range of accusations that include plotting to assassinate the president, large-scale corruption and failing to strongly denounce China's aggressive actions against Filipino forces in the disputed South China Sea. Ms DUTERTE didn't immediately comment on her impeachment, but her brother, Representative Paolo Duterte, said it was "*a clear act of political persecution.*"
- On 19 June 2025 SBS Filipino reported that:
 - o *Human rights advocates raise concerns over VP Sara Duterte's visit to Melbourne.* The podcast noted that A "peace rally" in support of former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is set to take place this Sunday in Melbourne. However, the event is drawing criticism from several Filipino-Australian groups and human rights advocates who are voicing strong opposition to the expected attendance of Vice President Sara Duterte and Senator Imee Marcos. Human rights advocates raise concerns over VP Sara Duterte's visit to Melbourne | SBS Filipino
 - o *Over 3,000 expected at Melbourne peace rally with VP Sara Duterte in attendance.* The podcast noted that Vice President Sara Duterte, along with Senators Imee Marcos and Robin Padilla, is expected to attend the rally, which is projected to draw over 3,000 supporters. Over 3,000 expected at Melbourne peace rally with VP Sara Duterte in attendance | SBS Filipino

Open source reporting suggests that, Ms DUTERTE's impeachment trial is scheduled to commence in June 2025. The Department sought confirmation from DFAT, who has been unable to confirm these reports.

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

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Many thanks for the update s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: Re: Request for TPs - and for awareness - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Today's pro-Duterte rally in Melbourne appeared peaceful and uneventful (similarly with the counter rally).

There was brief coverage on SBS TV news tonight, but doesn't appear to have been picked up by other Australian media.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Acting Director | Philippines Section
Southeast Asia Maritime Branch | Southeast Asia Maritime Division
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - and for awareness - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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

Please find attached 'if raised' media TPs - cleared by Dr Lauren Bain, First Assistant Secretary Southeast Asia Maritime Division. These have been shared with FMO and PM&C a short time ago.

We are continuing to monitor developments and will update FMO as required.

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

A/g Director | Philippines Section
Southeast Asia Maritime Branch | Southeast Asia Maritime Division

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

s 22(1)(a)(ii) @ag.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Request for TPs - and for awareness - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Many thanks, s 22(1)(a)(ii) much appreciated.

We will keep AGD updated on further TPs and any future developments.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g Director | Philippines Section

Southeast Asia Maritime Branch | Southeast Asia Maritime Division

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Subject: RE: Request for TPs - and for awareness - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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

Thanks for your call and for sending this through for our review.

We have no real update to provide to the TPs below that you have included from us. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

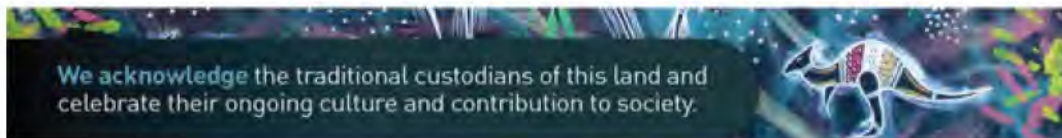
Appreciate being kept in the loop about any further TPs or developments.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g Assistant Director | International Crime Treaties and Policy
International Cooperation Unit | International and Security Cooperation Division
Attorney-General's Department | 3-5 National Cct | Barton ACT 2600

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

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

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

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Subject: Request for TPs - and for awareness - Public rally in Melbourne (22 June) in support of former Philippine President Duterte [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Thanks for taking my call.

For awareness, Manila Post has shared media reporting regarding a planned rally in Melbourne on Sunday 22 June in support of former Philippine President Duterte (currently detained at the International Criminal Court in the Hague):

- Community gathering in Melbourne to call for former President Duterte's release | The Philippine Times: <https://philtimes.com.au/free-duterte-now-melbourne-rally-june-2025/>
- <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/06/18/sara-leads-free-duterte-rally-down-under>
- <https://politiko.com.ph/2025/06/18/filipino-australian-groups-urge-canberra-to-bar-duterte-marcos-visit/daily-feed/>

Reporting suggests that Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte will attend. s 33(b)

We are aware that Home Affairs recently received a Visitor Visa application for VP Duterte, for personal travel to Australia s 47F(1) in June, not for an official visit. Home Affairs has since confirmed that visas have been granted to VP Duterte and the three Senators. Home Affairs have shared their pre-emptive media TPs (copied below):

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Attributable to a Departmental spokesperson:

- Due to privacy reasons, the Department cannot comment on individual cases.

On background OFFICIAL (for use in reporting, not for attribution):

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The Australian Government is committed to protecting the Australian community from the risk of harm posed by non-citizens who engage in criminal conduct or behaviour of concern.

Non-citizens who do not comply with their visa conditions, or who may pose a risk to the health and safety of the Australian community, can expect to have their visas considered for cancellation.

Further information regarding the character requirements is available at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character>

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We are continuing to monitor and are keeping PM&C and FMO updated.

Happy to discuss if any questions.

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

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 26 June 2025 2:56 AM
To: Media; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Philippine Media - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: [EXTERNAL] Request for comment: Vice President Sara Duterte's trip to Australia
Categories: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

OFFICIAL

Hi team,

Attached is the original request from PhilStar.

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

From: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:16 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; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Philippine Media - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

We never received an enquiry direct from the Philippine Star. Can you please send on the corro to us so we can action?

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

Media Liaison Section
 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
 T s 22(1)(a)(ii) | E media@dfat.gov.au

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Subject: RE: Philippine Media - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

Thank you for keeping us in the loop.

We are happy for you to direct local media to us.

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

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Subject: Philippine Media - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii) /MLS colleagues

I understand you have already provided background to AFP. We are getting additional interest on this issue.

Grateful for guidance on whether we should also pass on enquiries from local/Philippine media to MLS?

We have been asked by [Philippine Star](#) to comment/provide response to these questions:

- What is the extent to which the Philippine vice president tried to meet FM Wong, and how was this request perceived?

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Media & Public Diplomacy Manager
M s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 3:42 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
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Subject: RE: Agence France Presse Request for statement on [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

Thank you for letting us know. We will look out for an enquiry from AFP Manila bureau.

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

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
T s 22(1)(a)(ii) | E media@dfat.gov.au

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Subject: Agence France Presse Request for statement on [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi MLS

Flagging that AFP Manila bureau has asked for an Embassy statement on below. As we do with foreign correspondents, we will ask AFP to contact MLS.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Media & Public Diplomacy Manager
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From: s 47F(1) @philstar.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 June 2025 7:14 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for comment: Vice President Sara Duterte's trip to Australia

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Hi, s 22(1)(a)(ii) I hope you're well. I'm reaching out to ask if it's possible to ask the Australian embassy for comment or its reaction to Vice President Sara Duterte's recent visit to Australia (and what she says is her effort to reach out to FM Penny

Wong). <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2025/06/24/2452880/australia-eyed-dutertes-interim-release>

I know you will likely have to pass this along to the embassy's media officer(s). But my specific question is: What is the extent to which the Philippine vice president tried to meet FM Wong, and how was this request perceived?

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

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Best,

s 47F(1)

Reporter for [Philstar.com](https://www.philstar.com)
Manila, Philippines [GMT+8]



From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 24 June 2025 6:16 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Philippine Media - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

In anticipation of an official via MLS, suggested response below for your consideration. Please double check the highlighted bits for accuracy and in light of today's emails. The response will of course need to be consulted with the usual areas.

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

Philippine Star enquiry

- What is the extent to which the Philippine vice president tried to meet FM Wong, and how was this request perceived?

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

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Subject: RE: Philippine Media - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

Thank you for keeping us in the loop.

We are happy for you to direct local media to us.

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

Media Liaison Section
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Subject: Philippine Media - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Media & Public Diplomacy Manager

M s 22(1)(a)(ii) (WhatsApp/Viber/Signal)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) - This section and page (249) are irrelevant and the following page has been removed

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 5:28 PM
To: Derya Koc-Mcdonald
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Philippine Media - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi Derya – just flagging a media enquiry possibly landing in inboxes overnight/tomorrow.
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 June 2025 5:16 PM

s 22(1)(a)(ii) - This section and pages (251-252) contain a duplicate and the following pages have been removed

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Sent: Thursday, 26 June 2025 8:33 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; Media
Subject: **FMO only background** s 47F(1) /Philippine Star - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Categories: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

OFFICIAL

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

The below FMO only background adds to my previous email.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

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From: Media
Sent: Thursday, 26 June 2025 8:54 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Question on the proposed interim release of Philippine president Duterte in Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL]

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

OFFICIAL

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

Please see a response below.

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On background (for use in reporting, not for attribution):

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong was unavailable to meet with Vice President Sara Duterte during her recent private visit to Melbourne due to prior commitments.

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Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Media Liaison Section
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
T s 22(1)(a)(ii) | E media@dfat.gov.au

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From: s 47F(1) @philstar.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 1:48 PM
To: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question on the proposed interim release of Philippine president Duterte in Australia

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Good day to the Department of Foreign Affairs! This is s 47F(1), a reporter from Manila, Philippines, covering news related to the International Criminal Court and the Philippine vice president for [Philstar.com](https://philstar.com).

I'm sending this email to ask if Canberra can confirm whether the Australian government has received the request for former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte to be temporarily [released](#) in Australia as part of the proceedings in the International Criminal Court. More importantly, I'd like to

ask Canberra if it has decided to accept or reject this request and your overall comment or reaction to such a request.

I would also like to ask Canberra's comment or reaction to the Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte's remarks that she had tried to meet with FM Penny Wong when she was in Melbourne recently, but she said was not able to reach FM Wong.

Hoping that the foreign affairs department can shed light on the matter. Thank you very much.

Best,

s 47F(1)

Reporter for Philstar.com

Manila, Philippines [GMT+8]

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 2:45 PM
To: Media; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) Derya Koc-Mcdonald
Subject: RE: **media enquiry for action** s 47F(1) /Philippine Star - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Many thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) we'll develop a response to the FM meeting request query and clear through a/g AS SMB (Derya, copied).

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

From: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 26 June 2025 2:34 PM

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To: Derya Koc-Mcdonald
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: FOR AS SMB REVIEW/CLEARANCE - Response to **media enquiry for action**
s 47F(1) /Philippine Star - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Derya

Thanks for confirming your clearance without any changes. As discussed, we'll give Moya the opportunity to review before the 5pm deadline.

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

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 3:42 PM
To: Derya Koc-Mcdonald <Derya.Koc-Mcdonald@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: FOR AS SMB REVIEW/CLEARANCE - Response to **media enquiry for action** s 47F(1) /Philippine Star - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi Derya

For your review/clearance please before 5pm today proposed response to this query from PhilStar.

Fyi, DHOM Manila is keen to see our cleared response – I'll copy Moya into our reply to Media.

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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PhilStar Query

I would also like to ask Canberra's comment or reaction to the Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte's remarks that she had tried to meet with FM Penny Wong when she was in Melbourne recently, but she said was not able to reach FM Wong.

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s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

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

Sent: Thursday, 26 June 2025 2:34 PM

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From: s 22(1)(a)
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 4:05 PM
To: Moya Collett; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) Derya Koc-Mcdonald
Subject: RE: FOR AS SMB REVIEW/CLEARANCE - Response to **media enquiry for action** s 47F(1) /Philippine Star - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thanks Moya, yes I expect Media/FMO will probably tinker with the language.

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

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Moya Collett <Moya.Collett@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 26 June 2025 3:57 PM
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; Derya Koc-Mcdonald <Derya.Koc-Mcdonald@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FOR AS SMB REVIEW/CLEARANCE - Response to **media enquiry for action** s 47F(1) /Philippine Star - Request for statement on VP Duterte Visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

I think that's fine.

s 33(a)(iii)

Moya

Moya Collett

Deputy Head of Mission
 Australian Embassy, Manila
 T s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 M s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

Per my Teams message, Derya has cleared.

Welcome any additional edits/comments from Post before 5pm in CBR.

Cheers

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PhilStar Query

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Hi all

Apologies - I have just seen that the enquiry also includes a question on VP Sara Duterte's attempts to meet the FM (as below and attached).

Could I check if desk is aware of this request and is able to **propose some lines to respond on this specific question by 5pm today?**

I would also like to ask Canberra's comment or reaction to the Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte's remarks that she had tried to meet with FM Penny Wong when she was in Melbourne recently, but she said was not able to reach FM Wong.

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Thanks

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

Please see below proposed AS cleared response to this query. MNL Post was consulted.

Happy to discuss

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ICC Arrest Warrants — Philippines

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On Vice President Sara Duterte’s comments that Australia is in the list of potential third countries for interim release, and media reporting that Australia “declined to host former President Duterte for interim release”

- Australia has not been asked to host Mr Duterte.

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On 22 June 2025, his daughter Vice President Sara Duterte, appearing at a rally in Melbourne, told [SBS News](#) that 'Australia's in the list of countries that are considered by the lawyers, but I'm not here for the interim release'. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

, Vice President Duterte [clarified](#) "the defense team of President Duterte never reached out to the Australian Government to discuss about this interim release. There is no application from former President Duterte for interim release in Australia... there is no intent as well to apply for interim release with the Australian Government."

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