

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 30 July 2019 8:02 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: Former PM Abbott - Hungary conference [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

UNCLASSIFIED

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

For information.

Former PM Abbott has accepted an invitation to participate in the 3rd Budapest Demography Summit which takes in Budapest on 5-6 September - <https://bdfelsoacsasad.hu/en>

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Invitations were issued under PM Orban's signature.

The Conference organisers contacted us last week to let us know about Mr Abbott's attendance and subsequently provided s 22(1)(a)(ii) with some further information.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

At this point, there has been no request for assistance from either Mr Abbott or the Summit organisers, however we'll continue to monitor.

Cheers

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: Travel by former Prime Minister Abbott to Hungary [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

UNCLASSIFIED

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

For your information, our post in Vienna has advised us that former Prime Minister Abbott has accepted an invitation to participate in the 3rd Budapest Demography Summit, which takes place in Budapest on 5-6 September - <https://bdfelsoacsasad.hu/en> s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Invitations were issued under Prime Minister Orbán's signature. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Former Prime Minister Abbott has not as yet requested any assistance from post. We will let you know (as well as Executive Branch) if there are any further developments concerning Mr Abbott's travel to Hungary.

Best wishes

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 4 October 2019 7:14 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Hungary: Budapest Demography Summit - Assistance provided to Australian Speakers? [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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

No, post was not asked and neither did we provide support to Mr Abbott s 22(1)(a)(ii) . We were not contacted at any stage by either Mr Abbott s 22(1)(a)(ii) offices. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cheers
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Subject: Hungary: Budapest Demography Summit - Assistance provided to Australian Speakers? [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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

Did Post provide any assistance to either Mr Abbott s 22(1)(a)(ii) for their participation in the Budapest Demography Summit (s 22(1)(a)(ii) refers)? If so, what form did that assistance take? s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Also, can you please confirm (again for the brief) that s 22(1)(a)(ii) was the only person from Post to attend. Was s 22(1)(a)(ii) there to provide any assistance to either Mr Abbott s 22(1)(a)(ii) or solely as an observer?

Many thanks and best regards
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii) Travel by former Prime Ministers and Portfolio Ministers [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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1 attachment (47 KB)

Attachment A - Assistance provided to former Prime Ministers since last estimates - PM Edit.docx;

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Dear MEL/EXD,

Thanks for your cable s 22(1)(a)(ii) requesting posts to identify assistance provided to former PMs and Portfolio Ministers. Please see below Vienna Post's response, which pertains to only one of our countries of accreditation: Hungary.

The Hon Tony Abbott AC

Date of Travel	Countries Visited	Assistance Requested	Assistance Provided	Cable MRN
2024				
23 – 28 April 2024	Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii)	Airport facilitation in Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii)	Access to Government lounge at Budapest airport upon arrival s 47F(1) s 22(1)(a)(ii)	
26 – 29 May 2024	Hungary	Airport facilitation	Exemption from inspection at Budapest airport	

I understand my colleagues at Vienna Post liaised directly with MEL on airport facilitation for former PM Abbott.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

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

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ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY POSTS TO FORMER PRIME MINISTERS – 7 MAY TO 25 OCTOBER 2024

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; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; Catherine Reid <Catherine.Reid@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; Ian Biggs <Ian.Biggs@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Subject: RE: FPM - Mr Abbott Travel - Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii)[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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

Thank you for your email.

I confirm that I have advised Mr Abbott's office accordingly.

Have a lovely day!

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: RE: FPM - Mr Abbott Travel - Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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

Thank you for advising Mr Abbott's office regarding the Budapest leg of travel.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Grateful your confirmation overnight that this advice has been sent.

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: FPM -Mr Abbott Travel - Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii);[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Thank you for your email and apologies for not getting back to you earlier.

Noted on your advice below. We will inform Mr Abbott's office accordingly.

In regards to your other questions:

- s 47E(d)
- s 22(1)(a)(ii)

You might find the [High Level and Official Visit Guidelines](#) a useful resource. Particularly Item 2 and Item 9.

Please reach out if you have any further questions.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: RE: FPM -Mr Abbott Travel - Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Please see attached the response from the Hungarian MFA to our request for airport facilitation -s 47F(1)

Grateful if MEL could **please convey this information to Mr Abbott's office.**

Could we also please **follow-up for a response** regarding the s 47F(1)

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: FPM -Mr Abbott Travel - Hungary and Austria [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Thank you for sending this request through. Post has sought airport facilitation for Mr Abbott and s 47F(1) upon arrival in Budapest, s 47E(d)

s 33(a)(iii)

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

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

I further note the Schedule for The Hon Tony Abbott under the Parliamentary Business Resources (Former Prime Ministers) Determination 2017 advises "A former Prime Minister and an accompanying spouse or de facto partner has access to international travel expenses necessary for the travel when undertaking international travel approved by the Prime Minister."

We are conscious of the need to carefully adhere to the appropriate policies regarding facilitation of travel for former Prime Ministers, and would thus appreciate your clear advice on how to proceed, including:

s 47E(d)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

Welcome your advice on the appropriate policies here and how we should proceed.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: FPM -Mr Abbot Travel -Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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

Please see attached request from Mr Abbotts office for airport facilitation.

Mr Abbot will be travelling to Hungary on personal business, s 47F(1)

Details of travel are below and original correspondence attached for your reference.

Thank you.

s 47F(1)

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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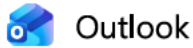
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Fw: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Sent: 08 May 2025 11:55

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

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Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

Thank you for your patience.

We have received further advice from the Diplomatic Protocol Office at the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and, on this occasion, the airport facilitation they are able to offer us is the exemption from search:

We would like to inform the esteemed Embassy that the exemption from the Hungarian Civil Aviation Authority grants exemption under hand search of passengers, handbags and hold bags.

The Protocol Office also informed us about the possibility of booking Government Lounge at Budapest airport but I believe that will not be required as Mr Abbott will be able to use lounge access as per the conditions of his ticket.

Best regards,

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Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 No problems at all – we appreciate your efforts. You can reach s 22(1)(a)(ii) on:
 s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

Adviser

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Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

Despite our best efforts, we have been unable to clarify the arrangements that are in place for Mr Abbott’s travel to and from Budapest. We will continue our efforts first thing tomorrow morning.

I would be grateful if you could share s 22(1)(a)(ii) mobile number so that our Visits and Travel Officer, s 22(1)(a)(ii) (copied), can liaise with him on arrival in Budapest on what we’ve been able to ascertain.

Also providing you s 22(1)(a)(ii) mobile number s 22(1)(a)(ii) should you wish to get in touch directly with her.

Best regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Deputy Head of Mission

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Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

Just confirming that we're in touch with the Hungarian authorities and will advise you as soon as possible – hopefully tomorrow – on what they're able to provide.

Best regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Deputy Head of Mission

Australian Embassy and Permanent Mission to the UN, Vienna

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Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

Thank you for making these arrangements. That's much appreciated.

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

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Subject: RE: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

Thank you for your message to DFAT's Ministerial Liaison team.


I confirm Vienna post will reach out to the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade tomorrow (Monday, 5 May) to request airport facilitation for Mr Abbott and s 47F(1)

We will be in touch soon but please feel free to contact me anytime.

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

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s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[@aph.gov.au](mailto:aph.gov.au)>
Subject: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary May 2025

Good evening,

Mr Abbott s 22(1)(a)(ii) will be travelling to Hungary for personal business on s 47F(1)

Mr Abbott s 22(1)(a)(ii) passports are attached.

For the flights, Mr Abbott is happy to use the lounge access that comes with his ticket, he does not require access to VIP/Government lounges.

If airport facilitation is possible into and out of Budapest, that would be greatly appreciated. Please see the scheduled flights below:

s 47F(1)

Thank you for your ongoing assistance and please let me know if you have any questions.

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

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Subject: RE: Request for airport facilitation from Former Prime Minister Tony Abbott - Travel to Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii) May/June 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

I've contacted Vienna Airport regarding Mr Abbott's airport facilitation.

They informed me that they don't offer personal facilitation however, if interested, they recommended booking their [VIP service](#). This (chargeable) service provides escort for VIP guests, including the skipping of passport check queues. The price for this service starts from EUR 450.00 per guest (plus EUR 225.00 for each additional guest).

However, transiting through Vienna airport is quite straightforward and more information can be found on the Vienna Airport [website](#). Please note, Mr Abbott s 47F(1) will need to go through passport control as they will be arriving from Schengen country s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you,

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Subject: FW: Request for airport facilitation from Former Prime Minister Tony Abbott - Travel to Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii) May/June 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii) (and copying s 22(1)(a)(ii) for visibility)

Please see airport facilitation request for **Vienna** for Mr Abbott. Grateful your advice of what facilitation services are available in Vienna, what was done last time etc.

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

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Subject: Fwd: Request for airport facilitation from Former Prime Minister Tony Abbott - Travel to Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii) May/June 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

Can I please ask your team to take this requests forward? Are you happy to be the POC for these requests?

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

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Date: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 at 7:21:17 am
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Subject: Request for airport facilitation from Former Prime Minister Tony Abbott - Travel to Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii) May/June 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

Please see below another request from Mr Abbotts office for airport facilitation at Vienna airport.

Grateful if Post could contact s 47F(1) who will be travelling with Mr Abbott.

s 47F(1) Assistant Adviser
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Thank you as usual for your assistance with these requests.

Kind regards
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Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 1:07 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aph.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aph.gov.au>
Subject: FPM Abbott travel | Hungary s 22(1)(a)(ii) May/June 2025

Good evening,

Mr Abbott and s 22(1)(a)(ii) will be travelling to Hungary and Ukraine on personal business on s 47F(1)

Please find both of our passports are attached.

For the flights, Mr Abbott is happy to use the lounge access that comes with his ticket, he does not require access to VIP/Government lounges.

If airport facilitation is possible at Vienna airport, that would assist with our travels and be greatly appreciated. Please see the scheduled flights below:

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Thank you for your ongoing assistance and please let me know if you have any questions.

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

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FW: Vienna Post response - s 22(1)(a)(ii) Travel by former PMs and Portfolio Ministers [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Date Thu 11/13/2025 11:55 AM
To s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
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Dear MEL,

Thank you for tasking s 22(1)(a)(ii) and s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I have updated the attached which now lists assistance provided to former prime ministers and portfolio ministers for the period of 31 January 2025 to 28 November 2025.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

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

Second Secretary – Bilateral Relations and Public Diplomacy
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:56 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> s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Vienna Post response s 22(1)(a)(ii) Travel by former PMs and Portfolio Ministers [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear MEL,

Further to Vienna Post's response to your tasking on 4 September, I would like to advise an additional request received and actioned on 5 September:

The Hon Tony Abbott AC

Table with 5 columns: Date (15-16 September), Location (Hungary), Activity (Airport facilitation in and out of Budapest), Details (Post sent s 47E(d) to Hungarian MFA on 5 September, requesting airport facilitation upon arrival and departure. As of 10 September, we are awaiting a formal response from the Hungarian MFA's Protocol team. Former PM Abbott will be a keynote speaker at day 2 of the Danube Institute's Fifth Geopolitical Summit, held in partnership with the US' Heritage Foundation. Vienna Post (Gordon, Connor) will attend parts of the conference as observers.), and Status (Yet to travel to Hungary).

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

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Sent: Thursday, 4 September 2025 6:01 PM

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

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Subject: Vienna Post response -s 22(1)(a)(ii)Travel by former PMs and Portfolio Ministers [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Ministerial Liaison team,

Thanks for your cable s 22(1)(a)(ii) Attached is Vienna Post's response.

Please don't hesitate to reach out should you require any further information!

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

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ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY POSTS TO FORMER PRIME MINISTERS – 31 JANUARY 2025 TO 28 NOVEMBER 2025

The Hon Tony Abbott AC

Date of Travel	Countries Visited	Assistance Requested	Assistance Provided	Cable MRN
2025				
8-12 May	Hungary	Airport facilitation in and out of Budapest	Post liaised with Hungarian authorities to request airport facilitation. The Hungarian Government granted an 'exemption under hand search of passengers, handbags and hold bags'.	None, but note s 22(1)(a)(ii) re an FOI document search on Tony Abbott's visit to Hungary in 2024.
28-30 May	Hungary (+3.5hr stopover in Vienna while waiting for connecting flight to Chisinau)	Airport facilitation at Vienna airport	None – Vienna airport does not offer airport facilitation.	None
15-16 September	Hungary	Airport facilitation in and out of Budapest	<p>Post sent Note Verbale No. HU 27/25 to Hungarian MFA on 5 September, requesting airport facilitation upon arrival and departure.</p> <p>Former PM Abbott was a keynote speaker at day 2 of the Danube Institute's Fifth Geopolitical Summit, held in partnership with the US' Heritage Foundation. Vienna Post (Gordon, Connor) attended parts of the conference as observers.</p>	None

