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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 11 August 2023 1:39 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Passport Letters for Child Custody [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Attachments: Writing to Australian Children Involved in International Custody Disputes SOP. CS.docx; Japan Letter to child RE Australian passport.09 Aug CS.docx

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FYI only – I see no issues from an APO perspective. The proposal has changed and whether it still achieves the intended outcome is for CCD to determine.

Thanks for your work on this one.

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From: Lucelle Veneros <Lucelle.Veneros@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 11 August 2023 9:05 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Subject: FW: Passport Letters for Child Custody [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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As discussed

Can we please review

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From: Ciara Spencer <Ciara.Spencer@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 11 August 2023 7:44 AM
To: Lucelle Veneros <Lucelle.Veneros@dfat.gov.au>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; Warren Macilwain <Warren.Macilwain@dfat.gov.au>; Madeleine Casey <Madeleine.Casey@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
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Dear Lucelle

We have simplified the approach to this issue and limited it to adult children between the ages of 18-21. I have attached draft SOPs/letter that Post are comfortable with, noting that there is still work some work to do around implementation, including TPs/FAQs for any enquiries.

Grateful for your/your team's views and any concerns before we finalise. I'd like to be in a position to send out the first letter next week s 47F(1)

Thanks and happy to discuss.

Ciara

Ciara Spencer

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

Sent: Thursday, 10 August 2023 7:29 PM

To: Warren Macilwain <Warren.Macilwain@dfat.gov.au>

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Subject: FW: Reply for Warren - Passport Letters for Child Custody - pre-drafted letter, US letter and operational considerations from post [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Dear Warren

Many thanks for sending all of the documentation through. It's great to see how well this has progressed and we very much appreciate your assistance.

We've made some minor edits to the attached documents for your consideration. A couple of points:

- A Step 4 on how to record correspondence (i.e. in CIS for cases, create a quick case if there isn't already a case) is a good way to ensure consistent record keeping across all posts.
 - It will also help strengthen our Japan statistics on the impact of the issue.
- It would be best practice for all requests from parents to be made in writing. If CCD would prefer to leave that up to posts, it can be removed from the SOP and we will implement as local practice.
- We would still like talking points developed for cases where the child is not an Australian citizen as flagged in the email below.
 - Given we have no non-Australian cases due to turn 18 soon, we can work on this after implementation.

- Presumably CCD would not object to posts translating into the local language? Tokyo's letter would be in both English and Japanese.

The SOP implies that posts would be the decision makers for sending letters. To ensure global consistency (acknowledging this will be a globally adopted letter) our recommendation would be for CCD to consider and approve all letter requests. This would be based on a recommendation put to CCD/Conops by the post which outlines its assessment based on the factors contained in the SOP.

We're keen to understand CCD's broader roll out plan for the letter, such as whether advice will be incorporated into the consular handbooks. It's likely the media will report that we now send these letters, so having information centrally available to all posts would assist with fielding enquiries.

Let me know if you'd like to discuss.

Regards

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Sent: Wednesday, 9 August 2023 5:23 PM

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Subject: RE: Passport Letters for Child Custody - pre-drafted letter, US letter and operational considerations from post [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi team

Can you review the attached (best to view in No Markup).

I've tried to make this workable from post perspective.

Happy to discuss

cheers

Warren Macilwain

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To:
Cc:
Subject: FW: Letter to young Australians approaching 18 applying for their first adult passport [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Monday, 20 March 2023 12:19:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[Letter to child RE Australian passport - Final Cleared.docx](#)

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Here's the trail from 2021.

I discussed with s 22(1)(a) before sending and he agreed with the approach.

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 10:09 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Letter to young Australians approaching 18 applying for their first adult passport [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Thanks for this considered response s 22(1)(a)(ii) I appreciate this is a delicate situation and can't imagine how much effort your team has invested. I'm sorry we aren't able to support this particular proposal.

We'll turn our minds to this and let you know if we have any ideas. If your team would like to explore other ideas that involve the passport, please reach out and we'd be happy to work through those with you.

Thanks,
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Sent: Tuesday, 26 October 2021 12:14 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>; Troy Kaizik <Troy.Kaizik@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Letter to young Australians approaching 18 applying for their first adult passport [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Dear

Many thanks for the response below, I really appreciate you taking the time to provide such a thorough explanation. We now have a much better understanding of APO's concerns and note APO does not support the proposal.

It is a very tricky bit of work to be involved in. As you can imagine the Australian affected parents are very vocal and demanding (understandably so). s 33(a)(iii)

If you have any alternative suggestions then we would welcome them. If you'd like to know more about the issue then feel free to give me a call.

With thanks

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Sent: Tuesday, 26 October 2021 8:12 AM

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Subject: RE: Letter to young Australians approaching 18 applying for their first adult passport
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for the email below, the additional background is useful.

We support the work underway to address the important issues you've raised below. However, we do not support the use of the Australian Passport as a mechanism for addressing these issues.

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

As you note, information on eligibility and applications for an Australian Passport is available on our website. The Australian Passport is more than a connection to Australian heritage, it is a credential for confirming identity and travelling internationally. It carries a significant responsibility which the holder must be prepared to accept. For these reasons and others APO does not solicit applications for Australian Passports.

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

We appreciate the intent of your proposal and consultation that has taken place across CCD on the letter and, more broadly, on this issue. APO does not support this proposal for the reasons listed above.

Our SES band One, Troy Kaizik, is included on this email and supports our advice.

Thank you
Tori

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Sent: Monday, 25 October 2021 7:28 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:dfat.gov.au)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:dfat.gov.au); s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:dfat.gov.au); s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:dfat.gov.au); s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:dfat.gov.au); s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:dfat.gov.au)
Subject: RE: Letter to young Australians approaching 18 applying for their first adult passport
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Dear Passport Policy
(CC: OSU & Complex Case Management)

Many thanks for your response and consideration. We appreciate you taking the time to review the attached letter and provide feedback.

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For interest, here is the most recently released Australian media article from August 2021: [Japan child abductions: Their children were taken. Now they fight Japanese laws to get them back \(smh.com.au\)](https://www.smh.com.au/news/japan-child-abductions-their-children-were-taken-now-they-fight-japanese-laws-to-get-them-back-20210810-p5a98n.html)

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One of the biggest concerns among our affected parents' (of which we provide consular assistance to 13 and are aware of a further 4) is that the taking parent may deprive their child of a connection with their Australian heritage. s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

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I look forward to hearing from you.

With thanks
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Sent: Monday, 25 October 2021 6:07 AM

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Hi Madeline

Please see below response from our Policy area.

Thanks

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Sent: Friday, 22 October 2021 4:06 PM

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Hi

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Kind regards

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Sent: Friday, 22 October 2021 2:17 PM
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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: FW: re: Letter to young Australians approaching 18 applying for their first adult passport [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
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Hi Policy/CCM

Post are seeking advice if there are no issues with them issuing the attached letters to young adults who will be turning 18 soon and applying for their first adult passport.

Thanks

Regards

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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii) and the OSU Team,
s 47C(1), s 47E(d)

Best regards,
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