

PASSPORTS IN CONFIDENCE

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Minute

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TO. Bob Nash, AS PTB

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Through.

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

ISSUE OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS TO CONTRACTORS IN IRAQ

On 28 June you gave approval for the issue of diplomatic and official passports to Australian citizens engaged by the Australian government to assist in the reconstruction effort in Iraq. The Minister for Foreign Affairs has delegated AS PTB to approve the issue of diplomatic and official passports to persons who are not employed directly by the government.

2. Following is a list of the Australian personnel the Iraq Task Force has nominated for the issue of government passports

ISSUE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

s 22(1)(a)(ii)	Nationality	Position	DOB
s 22(1)(a)(ii)	s 22(1)(a)(ii)	Defence adviser	s 22(1)(a)(ii)
		Defence adviser	
s 22(1)(a)(ii)	s 22(1)(a)(ii)	Security policy adviser	s 22(1)(a)(ii)
		Agriculture adviser	
		Donor coord adviser	
		Electricity sector advise	
		Agricultural adviser	

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ISSUE OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

Name	Nationality	Position Held	DOB
s 22(1)(a)(ii)		Watch Keeper	s 22(1)(a)(ii)
		Team Leader	
		Team Member	
		Team Member	
		Team Member	
		Team Member	
		2IC	
		Team Member	
		Team Member	
		Operations Manager	
		Team Member	
		Team Member	
		Team Member	
		Team Member	
		Operations Manager	
		2IC	
		Team Leader	
		Team Member	
		Team Member	
		Team Member	
		Watch Keeper	
		Team Leader	
		Team Member	
		2IC	
		Project Director	
		Project 2IC	

3. All passports will be valid for one year and all persons will need to meet all normal requirements for the issue of diplomatic and official passports. Diplomatic and official passports issued to Australian government contractors in Iraq will be required to complete the attached undertaking. Holders will only be able to use the passports for official travel and on completion of their assignment will be required to return the passport to the sponsoring agency for on forwarding to a passport office for cancellation.

4. Some of the advisers are employees are government employees who currently hold official passports. Given that these persons are not currently government employees, we will cancel their official passports on issue of their diplomatic passports.

5. I have been advised by the Iraq Taskforce that the Embassy in Bagdad has sought formal recognition of the persons listed above as being attached to our embassy in Bagdad.

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A/g Director
Passport Operations Section

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Bob Nash, AS PTB

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CONTRACTORS IN IRAQ

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Thanks. Given the urgency of moving on this, AS PTB has approved the issue of government passports as per the minute attached.

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See attached approval from AS PTB for the issue of dip/off passports to the list of Australian government contractors who will be working in Iraq. All contractors must:

- meet all requirements for the issue of off/dip passports
- sign the attached undertaking which is to be scanned with the application
- passports to be valid for no more than 12 months
- sponsoring authority must complete the attached which is to be scanned with the application

We understand that some of the advisers may hold official passports (as they are government employees who have been contracted to work as private advisers). IF they do and are to be issued with a diplomatic passport then the official passport is to be returned and cancelled before the diplomatic passport is issued.

s 22(1)(a)(ii) - could you please update the records for contractors who receive dip/off passports as appropriate.

Thanks

Regards

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