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

Please find attached our feedback on the draft DFAT country information report for Sri Lanka. You have attempted to incorporate most of what we requested, but there are a few omissions to which we draw your attention. Removal of unnecessary repetition of same information and parts that were not especially relevant is good, however in some places this renders some areas not as useful as the previous/current report. We identify those fairly comprehensively in the feedback, and make a number of suggestions that we believe would assist meaning and clarity of some statements.

Please let us know if you wish to discuss further or require clarification of any of the points we raise.

Regards,

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Thanks very much s 22(1)(a)(ii), look forward to seeing your comments next week.

Cheers

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

Thank you, yes I think s 22(1)(a)(ii) has responded, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We are still working through the draft Sri Lanka report but at this stage I would probably want to indicate to you that we will not be in a position to return our comments until

early next week.

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

Yes returns from Aus to Slk. s 22(1)(a)(ii) will have used/still use the CIR when assessing applicants for Humanitarian Visas.

FYI – I've only been at post a short time so will be limited in my knowledge on how things have been done previously but can find out. I have however effected removals from Aus to Sri Lanka in the past having been an escort on the flights.

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Cheers

Regards

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By removals/returns, you mean from Australia to SL, and processing is visas for those going to Australia? Returns is my principal interest.

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From my role, I can only provide you info on the removals and returns side. While I'm familiar with the CIR, I've not processed PV or Humanitarian visas.

s 22(1)(a)(ii) may should be able to assist on the processing side.

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

I'm from DFAT's Country Information Report Section and, as you may know, we're doing an update of the Sri Lanka report. (The last report, released in November 2019, is here: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/country-information-report-sri-lanka.pdf>)^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} and ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} at Post (and s 22(1)(a)(ii)) are helping us out, especially given that we obviously can't visit Sri Lanka at the moment.

s 47E(d)

Can you please let me know if you're available for a chat over webex sometime?

Can

I'm guessing you know about DFAT CIRs but here is a quick summary of their purpose:

DFAT Country information section undertakes research on the conditions in key asylum-seeker source countries. These reports are used by immigration officials to inform protection status decisions. The issues covered in the reports include information around the categories of protection under the Refugee Convention and Australian law (i.e. discrimination or violence on the basis of race/ethnicity/nationality, religion, membership of a particular social group and political opinion), complementary protection issues (i.e. arbitrary deprivation of life, death penalty, extent of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment) and other issues relevant to protection decisions (extent of state protection, ability of people to relocate internally, treatment of returned people as failed asylum-seekers, extent of identification document fraud). The reports provide a general overview of conditions in a country, independent from Australia's foreign policy.

Thanks very much. Look forward to hearing from you.

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Thanks very much for this, s 22(1)(a)(ii), great to how focussed it is on specific questions. I'll send it to Colombo Post also to begin a discussion with them on a way forward on information-gathering.

Cheers

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

Please find attached the Sri Lanka Framework Document.

s 22(1)(a)(ii) and I had a Webex meeting with s 22(1)(a)(ii) just recently to discuss issues likely to be of interest to us in the updated country information report and I think these topics are documented adequately in the document.

We are happy to have a further discussion if that is considered necessary.

Kind regards,

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

s 22(1)(a)(ii) I similarly appreciate that DFAT needs to be satisfied that any assessments including revisions have been thoroughly checked for reliability given their potential to influence protection visa outcomes very directly. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards,

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

Thanks for your email. It might be best to discuss before we approach Colombo Post. The request below – seeking an update to assessments in the DFAT CIR – is quite different from standard cabled information requests and, in my view, goes beyond the purpose of such requests. DFAT draft CIRs and their assessments go through a robust consultation process with Posts, geographic divisions, ONI and COISS, before clearance by both HOM and FAS MPD. I'd have concerns if we sought updated assessments without a similar process.

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but it sounds like an update to the Sri

Lanka CIR would be welcome.

Please give me a call if you'd like to discuss.

Best regards

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Meanwhile, we have received a request from the decision making network for an update for some issues concerning Sri Lanka which I have extracted without modification from the system. Could you please inquire of Colombo as to whether they would be able to address questions of the sort below – we will likely modify these slightly. We would not require a response within the standard 20 working days, but towards the end of February.

Regards,

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

Thanks for passing on. The team is looking at the draft.

Regards
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