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Office of the Minister of Immigration

Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee


**RESPONSE TO SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS – IMPLEMENTATION**

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6. The planned review of the next three year refugee programme (2016/17 – 2018/19) is underway. I expect to seek Cabinet decisions in March 2016 in order for the new programme to be in place for the 2016/17 year. This will be an opportunity to consider wider options, alongside the traditional resettlement of priority protection cases, which make up the current refugee quota programme.

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**Review of next three year Refugee Quota Programme**

16. Cabinet is due to make decisions on the next three year refugee quota programme (2016/17 – 2018/19) in the first half of 2016. This will be an opportunity to consider wider options going forward, alongside the traditional resettlement of priority protection cases, which make up the current refugee quota programme.
17. Establishing alternative forms of admission, to sit alongside the traditional resettlement of priority protection cases, is an option being explored. This would enable New Zealand to set new selection criteria for refugees and could introduce sponsorship of refugees by community organisations who demonstrate their ability to support them. [REDACTED]  
§ 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED] Getting a job supports successful settlement outcomes, participation in the community, self-sufficiency and independence for refugees.

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