



EVENT BRIEFING

Signing a Working Holiday Scheme with Portugal

Date:	2 March 2018	Priority:	Medium
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Action sought		
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Hon Iain Lees-Galloway Minister of Immigration	Note that you are scheduled to sign a reciprocal Working Holiday Scheme with Portugal on 6 March at 5:30pm in Auckland.	6 March 2018

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
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The following departments/agencies have been consulted
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

Comments



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Purpose

You have agreed to co-sign a Working Holiday Scheme (WHS) arrangement with Portugal alongside His Excellency José Luís Carneiro, the Secretary of State for Portuguese Communities Abroad, at 5:30pm on Tuesday 6 March at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) Auckland office.

This briefing provides background information and logistical details about the event.

Recommendations

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment recommends that you:

- a **Note** that immediately prior to meeting with you, Secretary Carneiro is meeting Minister Salesa in her capacity as Minister for Ethnic Communities.

Noted

- b **Note** that there are no speeches or substantive discussions planned as part of your meeting.

Noted

Siân Roguski
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Background

1. In December 2017 you approved the terms of a reciprocal WHS with Portugal, in agreement with the Minister of Foreign Affairs [MFAT briefing POLI-147-195 refers]. This WHS allows for 50 Portuguese citizens aged 18-30 to spend up to 12 months in New Zealand.
2. The Secretary of State of Portuguese Communities Abroad, José Luís Carneiro, is briefly in New Zealand to:
 - a. meet Hon Jenny Salesa, in her capacity as Minister for Ethnic Communities;
 - b. sign the WHS with you; and
 - c. meet the Speaker, Hon. Trevor Mallard on Wednesday 7th, in Wellington, ahead of Hon. Mallard's trip to Portugal in April.
3. Background on His Excellency has been attached at **Annex One**.

Portuguese in New Zealand

4. There are not large flows of Portuguese nationals into New Zealand. The number of international students and temporary work visa holders is approximately 50 of each per year. In total there are around 1,000 Portuguese nationals entering New Zealand annually across all visa categories.

There are no risks to bring to your attention

5. This is a low risk event held in MFAT's offices. It will be closed to media and the public.
6. Portuguese officials have indicated that there is not an expectation of gift exchange, however your office is prepared should this change on the day.
7. Signing the WHS is the principle purpose of the meeting and there are no substantive discussions planned.
8. High level talking points have been attached as **Annex Two**, to support you in any informal discussion. There are no issues of concern in relation to Portugal to bring to your attention.

Logistics

9. You are scheduled to arrive at MFAT's office at 5:30pm, and depart at 6:00pm. On arrival an MFAT official will meet you on the ground floor and escort you up to level 6.
10. A full run-sheet has been provided as **Annex Three**.
11. Also in attendance at the signing will be:
 - a. H.E. Mr. Paulo Cunha Alves, Ambassador of Portugal to New Zealand
 - b. Mr. Luís Faro Ramos, President of Camões Institute – Language and Co-operation Institute of Portugal
 - c. Mr. Paulo Domingues, Consul-General of Portugal in Sydney, with consular jurisdiction over New Zealand
 - d. Mr. Miguel Silva, Press Advisor in the Office of State Secretary
 - e. Simon Tucker, Assistant Secretary, MFAT (not yet confirmed)
 - f. Sarah-Rose Williams, Senior Advisor, MFAT

Communications / Media

12. There will be a photo opportunity after signing the agreement, which will be facilitated by MFAT officials.
13. Media will not be present.

Next steps for the Working Holiday Scheme

14. Officials are working with your office to send out a press release once the WHS is signed.
15. In the days immediately following signing, MBIE officials will brief you, seeking your agreement to several amendments to Immigration Instructions. Instructions enabling the processing of Portugal WHS applications will be amongst these amendments.
16. Following your certification of amendments to Immigration Instructions, the scheme is scheduled to open for applications on 20 March 2018.

Annexes

Annex One: Background on H.E. José Luís Carneiro

Annex Two: Runsheet for signing the WHS

Annex Three: Suggested talking points

Annex One: Background on H.E. José Luís Carneiro

José Luís Carneiro [ZHO-say loo-EES ka-NYEH-ro]
Secretary of State for Portuguese Communities Abroad

Bio:

- Member of the Portuguese Socialist Party of Prime Minister António Costa
- One of four deputies to foreign minister Augusto Santos Silva
- 2005-: Member of the Assembly of the Republic [parliament] representing Porto region
- 2005-2015: Mayor of Baião, Porto, Northern Portugal (population 20,000)
- 2006-: Member of the EU's Committee of the Regions (which serves as the voice of cities and regions in the EU)
- Degrees in International Relations and African Studies



Official engagements in New Zealand:

Auckland, Tuesday 6 March

- 1645-1730: Hon Jenny Salesa, Minister for Ethnic Communities. Carneiro will be interested in discussing the experience of the Portuguese diaspora in New Zealand.
- 1730-1800: Hon Iain Lees-Galloway, Minister of Immigration. The meeting will include the signing of an arrangement creating a working holiday scheme between New Zealand and Portugal. Ms Salesa may wish to remain for the signing and photograph.

Wellington, Wednesday 7 March

- 1130-1200: Rt Hon Trevor Mallard, Speaker of the House of Representatives: This is a courtesy call ahead of the Speaker's delegation to Portugal in April.

Annex Two: Runsheet for signing the WHS

Venue: MFAT Auckland office, Level 6, 139 Quay St
Contact: Sarah-Rose Williams, s 6(a)

1730 Arrive at MFAT Auckland office. Met by Sarah-Rose Williams on ground floor. Proceed to level 6.

Hon Jenny Salesa is scheduled to meet with Mr Carneiro immediately before your meeting, and may be present for the start of your meeting. **If so officials suggest a photograph of all three principals once the WHS has been signed.**

1732 Arrive in Santiago meeting room. Introductions to Mr Carneiro and delegation, welcoming remarks and informal discussion as desired.

1740 Signing of Working Holiday Scheme:

- Signatories (Lees-Galloway and Carneiro) will each be given one English and one Portuguese version of the Arrangement creating the Working Holiday Scheme.
- Signatories will sign both versions, then swap documents and sign again.
- We suggest a photo then be taken of signatories (and, if available, Ms Salesa) shaking hands against the backdrop of NZ and Portuguese flags.
- Sarah-Rose Williams (MFAT) and Paulo Cunha Alves will each retain one English and one Portuguese version.

1745 Informal discussion continues. Secretary Carneiro will likely be interested in your perspectives on working holiday schemes and immigration policy more generally.

1800 (approx.) Meeting ends

Annex Three: Suggested talking points

NZ-Portugal relationship

- There are warm ties between NZ and Portugal, based on our shared values and commitment to an effective rules-based international system.
- Portugal's support for the launch of negotiations towards a free trade agreement between the EU and NZ [we hope by the European summer] is appreciated.

Working Holiday Schemes

- The signing of the Working Holiday Scheme is a welcome event that will help strengthen the people to-people links between our countries.
- Including Portugal, New Zealand now has Working Holiday Schemes with 45 countries; many of these are in the European Union.
- Working holiday makers have a positive net impact on the economy as they spend more money than they earn, they also make strong and long lasting connections with New Zealand as a result of their stay.
- Across all our agreements, there around 60-70 thousand working holiday makers come to New Zealand every year.

Priorities in the Immigration Portfolio

- When I became the Minister of Immigration I set two over-arching priorities:
 - Tackling the exploitation of migrant workers and students; and
 - Better matching the skills and talents people bring to the skills we need, where we need them (particularly in the regions).

Pacific and Climate change

- The New Zealand Government is also very mindful of the concerns of Pacific Island countries, and others, that climate change impacts could lead to significant impacts on their environments, sustainable development, and future survival.
- The New Zealand Government is committed to working with regional partners and organisations to establish an Immigration Pacific Plan that recognises people who have been displaced by climate change and global warming, to ensure they have real and timely options for mobility across the region.

Exploitation

- In relation to exploitation, the New Zealand Government is determined to eliminate the exploitation of all workers, particularly migrants.
- We acknowledge that that's an ambitious goal and will take time to achieve, but we are already working on a process of continual improvement to improve the situation.
- We need to create a culture where migrant exploitation simply isn't tolerated and everyone knows that it is bad for business, bad for the country and bad for our international reputation.
- The overriding principle is simple: migrant workers have the same employment rights as all other workers in New Zealand. A society dependent on exploitation is not the kind of country New Zealand should be.

Regional approach to migration

[Carneiro has a role in the EU Committee of the Regions¹, and may be interested in your views on a regional approach to immigration]

- The New Zealand Government believes more can and should be done to ensure the immigration system is set up so that overseas workers can fill real skills gaps in the regions.
- There are real opportunities for migrant workers in a number of industries where there are not enough New Zealanders available - construction, engineering and IT to name a few.
- We're also working on developing regional skill and labour shortages lists in consultation with regions, businesses and workers and ensuring that the visa holder lives and works within an area that is relevant to their identified skill.

¹ The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) is the European Union's (EU) assembly of local and regional representatives that provides sub-national authorities (i.e. regions, counties, provinces, municipalities and cities) with a direct voice within the EU's institutional framework