

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Visit to Australia by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, The People's Republic of China [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Friday, 8 March 2024 11:54:08 AM
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Thanks, s 22(1)(a)(ii) We'll review, but note that a short time ago, the Chinese Embassy provided the below proposed **program update** (noting it is still to be confirmed with Beijing):

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thursday 21 March

- s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- AM – meeting with former Prime Minister Keating (TBC) – 30-40 minutes
- s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,
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From: § 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 7:00 PM

To: § 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: § 22(1)(a)(ii)

§ 22(1)(a)(ii)



Derek Yip <Derek.Yip@dfat.gov.au>


Subject: RE: Visit to Australia by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, The People's Republic of China
[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi § 22(1)(a)(ii)


Thanks for your time on the phone earlier.

§ 22(1)(a)(ii)



Some additions to the **DRAFT program** below:

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thursday 21 March

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

- **Possible meeting with the Hon Paul Keating, former PM of Australia** – venue: Residence (TBC)

Thanks & we look forward to further discussion tomorrow.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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East Asia Political Branch | East Asia Division
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POSSIBLE VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY
MR WANG YI, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
TUESDAY 19 TO THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024

PROGRAM AS AT 8 MARCH 2024

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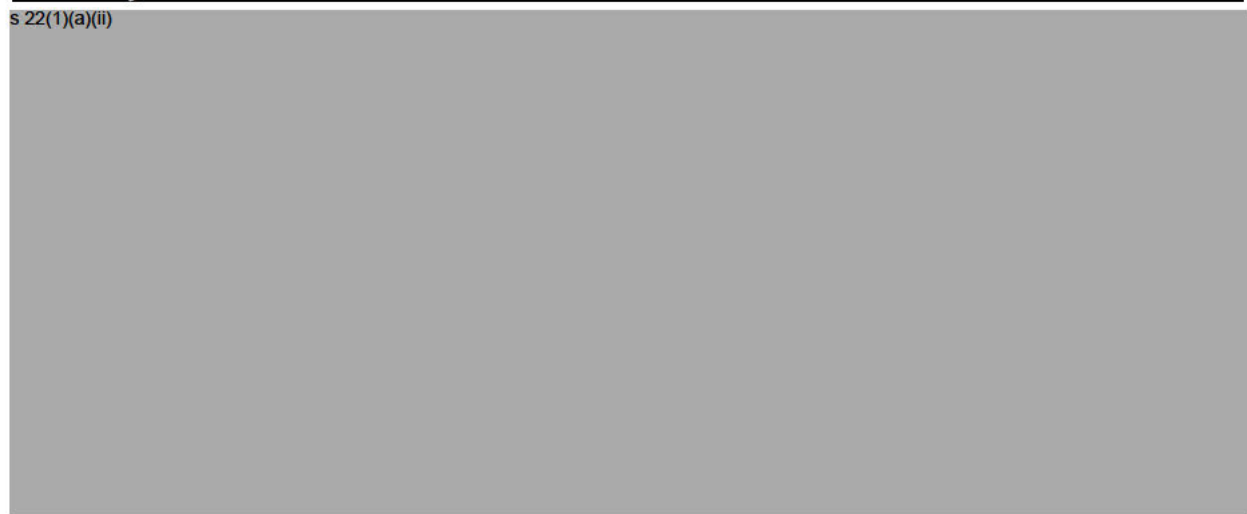


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Thursday 21 March 2024


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Possible meeting with the Honourable Paul Keating, Former Prime
Minister of Australia
Venue: [location]

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From: s 22(1)(a)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [Derek Yip](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; [Inbound Visits](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii) ;
Subject: RE: Visit to Australia by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, The People's Republic of China [SEC=PROTECTED]
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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I am writing further to the earlier exchange, adding s 22(1)(a)(ii) noting a media arrangements references.

During the embassy meeting late today, the DHOM raised some logistical issues:

The DHOM said:

- s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- the meeting with Paul Keating was confirmed for 10:30 AM on 21 March, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Happy to elaborate/discuss

Kind regards


s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii); [Derek Yip](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Visit to Australia by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, The People's Republic of China [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Thursday, 14 March 2024 8:38:55 PM
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s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for all your patience with me today. Hopefully some answers for you below s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



Interpretation

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

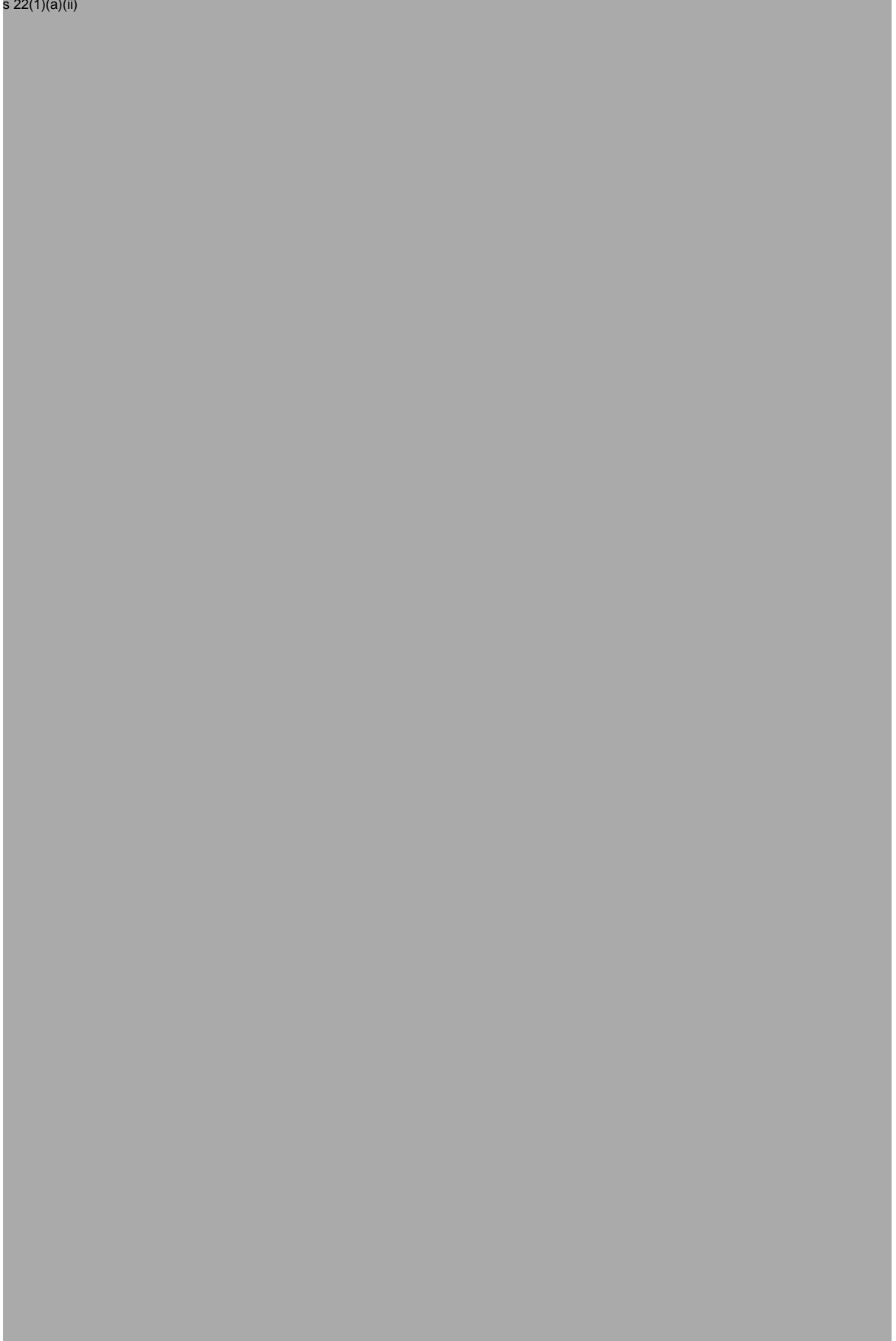
As discussed just now, interpretation may be required for the meeting with Mr Keating in Sydney – will advise when I have a response from his Office, nothing this would require an additional day.

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Kindest regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

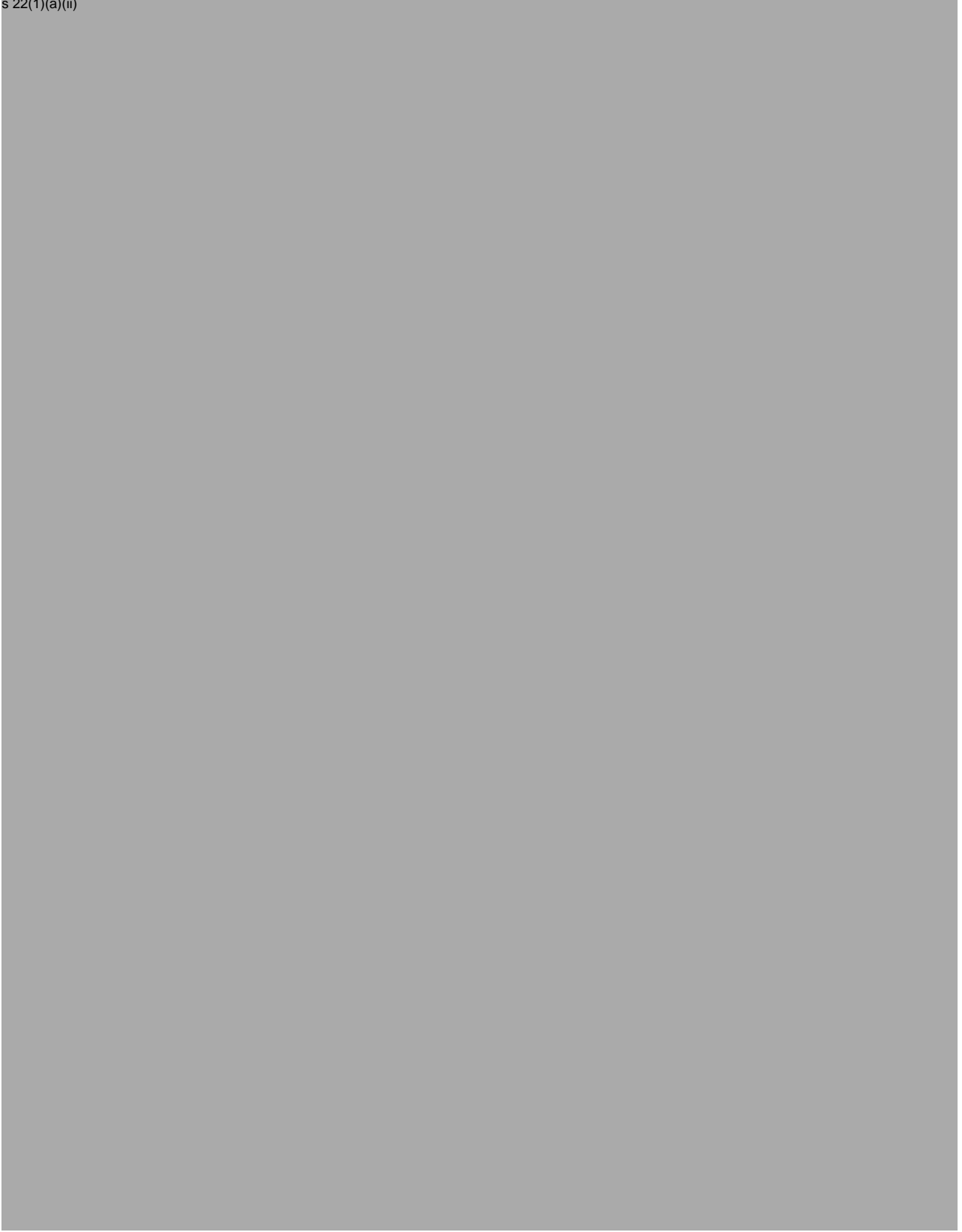
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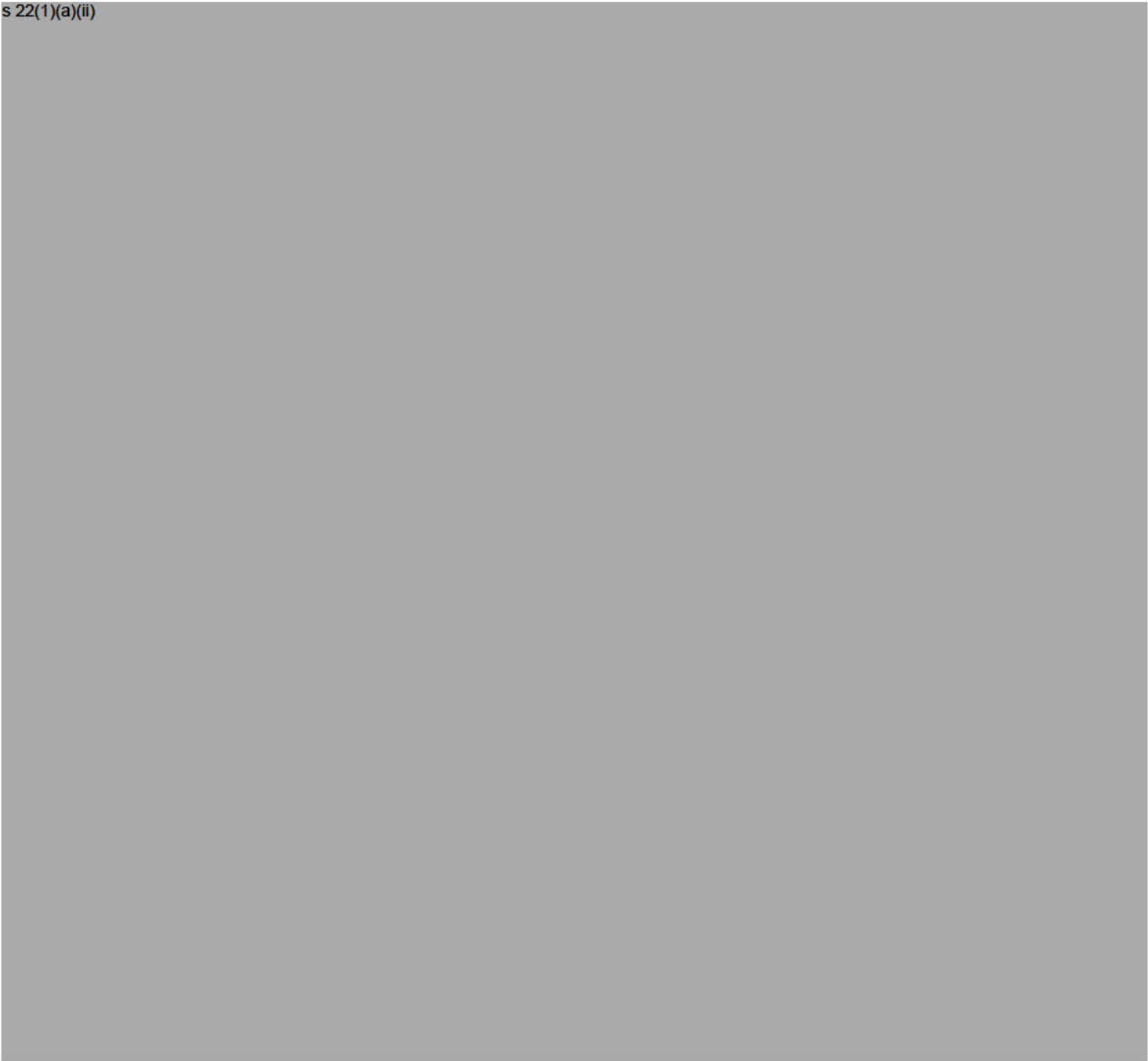
VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY
HIS EXCELLENCY MR WANG YI
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
TUESDAY 19 TO THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024

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Thursday 21 March 2024

s 22(1)(a)(ii)




Sydney, New South Wales (NSW)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)




10.30 am - Meeting with the Honourable Paul Keating, Former Prime Minister of
11.00 am Australia (30-40 mins)

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§ 22(1)(a)(ii)




Kindest regards

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; [Derek Yip](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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s 22(1)(a)(ii)
[DRAFT Program - Ministerial Visit to Australia as at 16 March 2024.pdf](#)

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Firstly thank you to you and your colleagues for your support yesterday on the Advance and on all elements of the visit ahead of next week.


Interpretation

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Confirming that Mr Keating has advised he does not require any interpretation to be provided for his engagement with the Foreign Minister.

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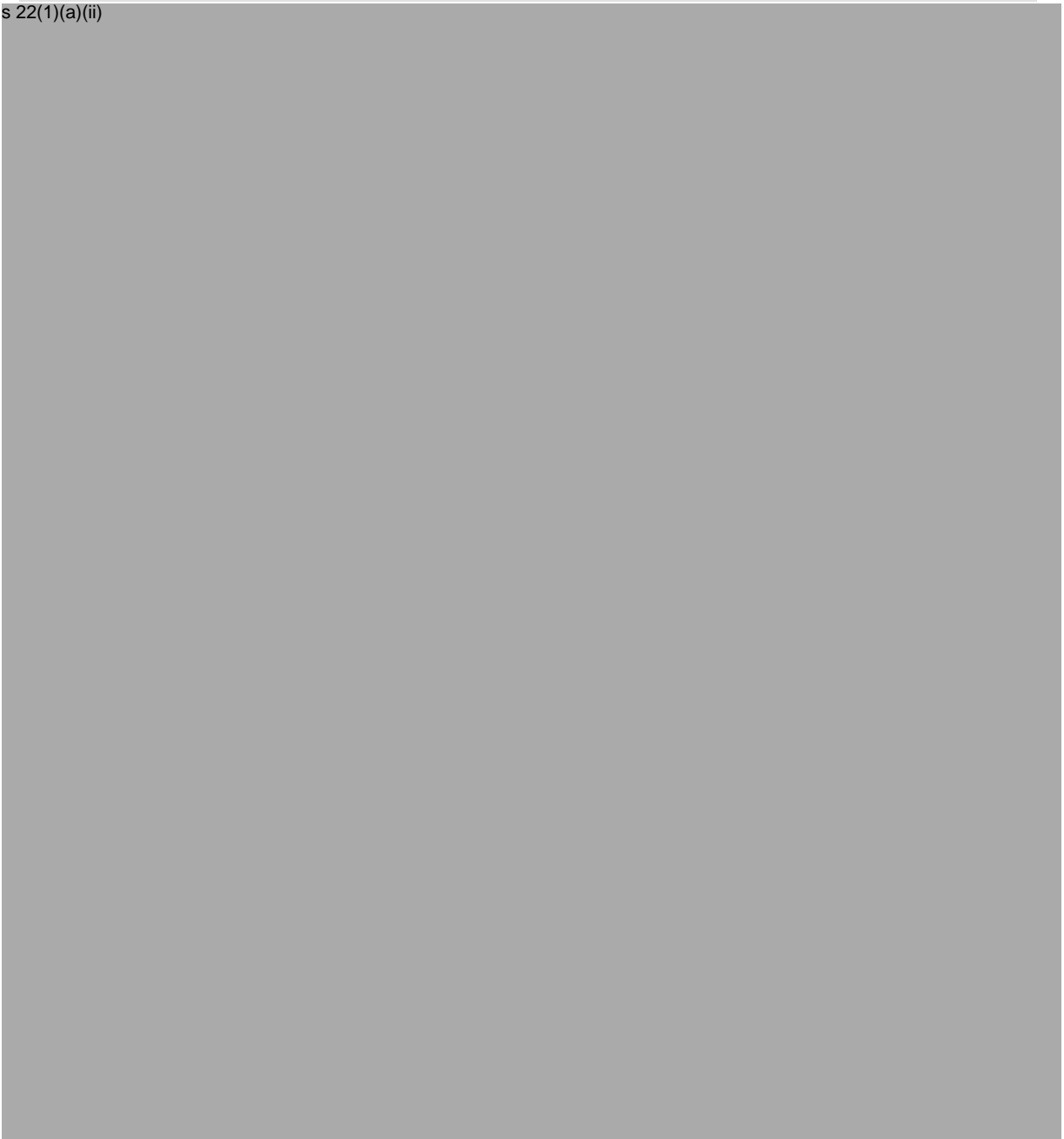
Grateful for your review of the attached updated draft program.

Kindest regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



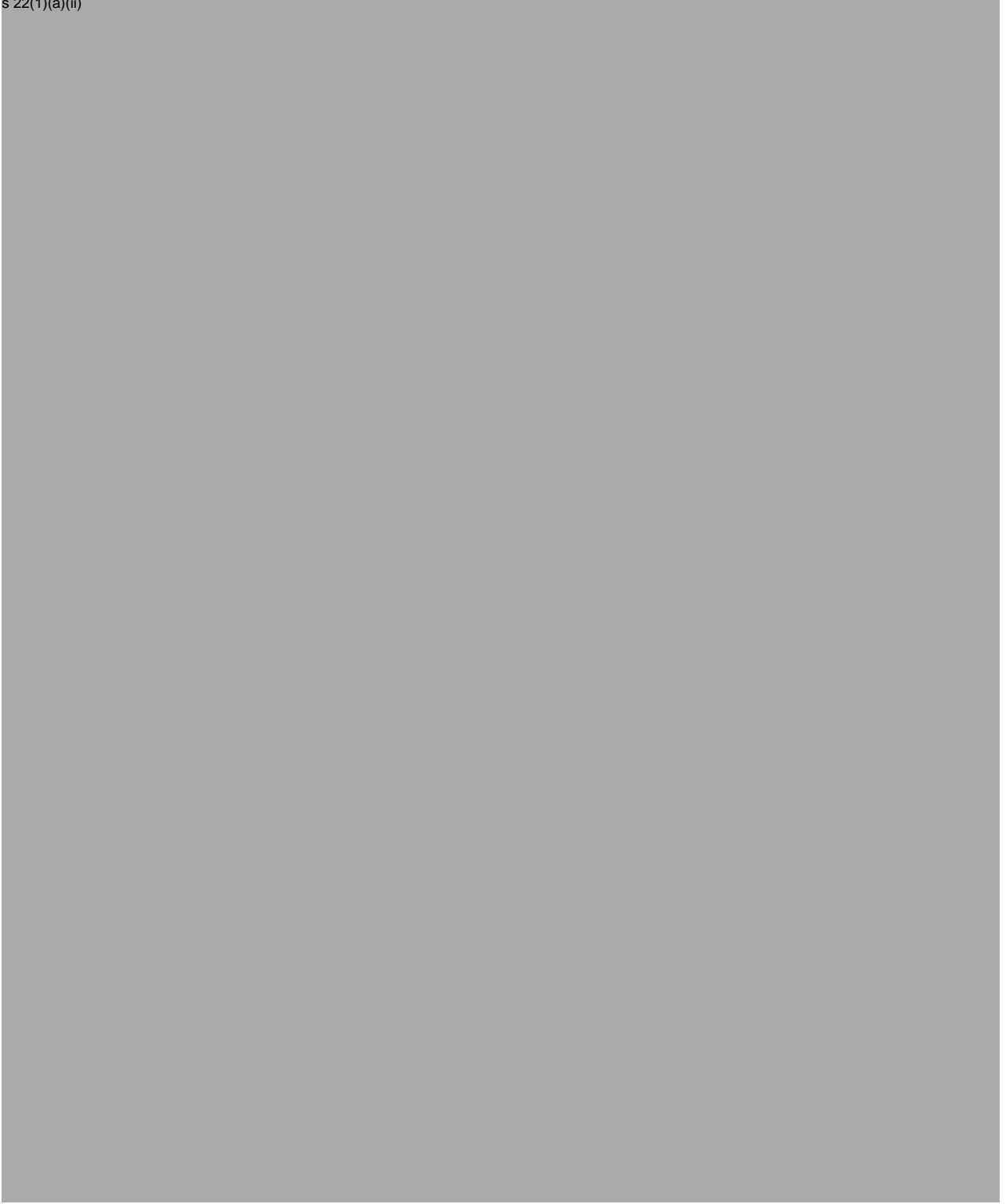
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VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY
HIS EXCELLENCY MR WANG YI
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
TUESDAY 19 TO THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024

PROGRAM AS AT 16 MARCH 2024

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Thursday 21 March 2024

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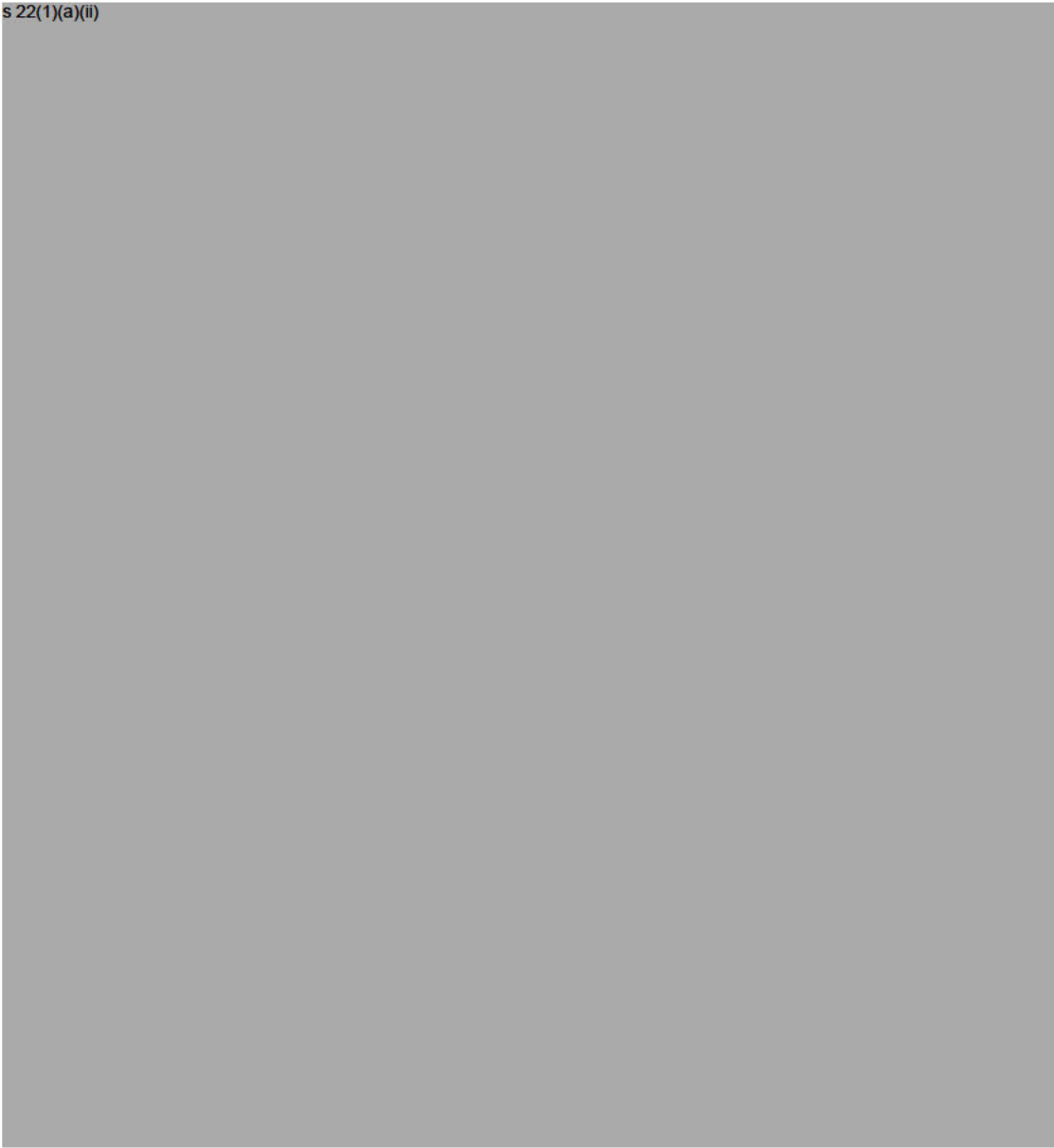
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10.30 am - Meeting with the Honourable Paul Keating, Former Prime Minister of
11.00 am Australia

s 22(1)(a)(ii)





s 22(1)(a)(ii)



From: Derek Yip <Derek.Yip@dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Sunday, 17 March 2024 9:28 AM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @pmc.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii)




Stevens, Edwina <Edwina.Stevens@pmc.gov.au>

Cc: Daniel Sloper <Daniel.Sloper@dfat.gov.au>

Subject: Fwd: **media enquiry for action** s 47F - Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's visit to Australia[SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



Attributable to DFAT spokesperson:

Australian officials have worked with Chinese officials primarily on organising engagements involving Minister Wang and the Australian Government. There are other aspects of the program being organised by Chinese officials and attended by Minister Wang and his delegation, with Australian Government involvement limited to logistics.

Ministers' Office only background (not for public release):

Australian government officials are aware of the proposed engagements between Minister Wang and the Australia China Business Council (ACBC) and former Prime Minister Keating, but will not be attending them. These were engagements organised exclusively between the Chinese Embassy and ACBC/Mr Keating. We

have not been invited to attend. Mr Keating declined our offer of an interpreter at this proposed meeting with Minister Wang.

Our involvement in these engagements will be limited to security, transport and protocol. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: "Media" <media@dfat.gov.au>

Date: Sunday 17 March 2024 at 8:51:04 AM

To: "Derek Yip" <Derek.Yip@dfat.gov.au>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) "Media" <media@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: **media enquiry for action** s 47F - Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's visit to Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning Derek,

We've received the below enquiry from s 47F regarding the Chinese Foreign Minister's visit to Australia.

We'd be grateful for a proposed response **by 1pm today**, if possible.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

MLS Duty Officer

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 47F

Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 1:41 AM

To: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>


Subject: [EXTERNAL] Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's visit to Australia

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender.


Hi DFAT media team,

I am writing a story for Monday's newspaper (online Sunday evening) about Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's visit to Australia. I would like to know further information about the trip.


s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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s 22(1)(a)(ii)



Foreign Minister Wang Yi's Sydney itinerary will include meeting with Chinese Australian community groups and, if he agrees to the invitation from China's diplomats, a meeting with former Prime Minister Paul Keating.

Has DFAT been advised that a meeting between Mr Keating and Mr Wang has been proposed?

What role has DFAT played in supporting the Chinese Australian community event and meeting with Mr Keating in Sydney?

If the meeting between Mr Keating and Mr Wang goes ahead, will anyone from the Australian government be present?

Can you please answer by 3pm today.

Best,

s 47F



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s 47F



s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) (P. Keating, Former PM) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Monday, 18 March 2024 12:47 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@pmc.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au)>

Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Mr Keating [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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

Thanks for your note.

Further to the meeting, please find attached Mr Keating's media release from today.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@pmc.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au)>

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 6:11 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) (P. Keating, Former PM) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Mr Keating [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

On arrival, will the Foreign Minister be met kerbside by yourself? Or would you like me to escort the Foreign Minister into the building?

We don't propose an advance to the Office however would like to ensure the arrival process is co-ordinately appropriately.

Thank you

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Friday, 15 March 2024 12:36 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) (P. Keating, Former PM) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Mr Keating [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thank you very much for confirmation.

Kindest regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) (P. Keating, Former PM) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Friday, 15 March 2024 12:01 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Mr Keating [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thank you for the offer s 22(1)(a)(ii), but we won't require an interpreter.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 6:58 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) (P. Keating, Former PM) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Mr Keating [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

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

Can I also ask if Mr Keating would require an interpreter for the meeting, PM&C are able to provide if required.

Kindest regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) (P. Keating, Former PM) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, 14 March 2024 4:06 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Mr Keating [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Yes please s 22(1)(a)(ii). I think you have my mobile, s 22(1)(a)(ii) or the office s 22(1)(a)(ii).

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 4:03 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) (P. Keating, Former PM) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Mr Keating [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thank you very much s 22(1)(a)(ii), appreciate your assistance.

Would you be the best point of contact for me to liaise with should the FM be running early or late on the day?

Kindest regards

§ 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: § 22(1)(a)(ii) (P. Keating, Former PM) § 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, 14 March 2024 3:58 PM

To: § 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: § 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Mr Keating [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thank you for your speedy reply § 22(1)(a)(ii).

Understand. The meeting will be here at Mr Keating's offices at 10.30 Thursday 21 March. We are at § 22(1)(a)(ii).

Trust this assists your planning.

Kind regards

§ 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: § 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:30 PM

To: § 22(1)(a)(ii) (P. Keating, Former PM) <§ 22(1)(a)(ii)>

Cc: § 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Mr Keating [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear § 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for your response.

PM&C are facilitating the visit in the sense that we are coordinating security and transport for the Foreign Minister and would be grateful for advice of the address for the location of the meeting.

We understand that the meeting will take place at 10.30 am on Thursday 21 March and would be appreciative of an address to ensure we can provide to COMCAR, AFP and NSW Police who will be facilitating transport movements.

Confirming there will not be any Departmental officials present for the meeting.

Kindest regards

§ 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: § 22(1)(a)(ii) (P. Keating, Former PM) § 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, 14 March 2024 3:14 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Mr Keating [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for your emails and apologies for missing your phone call.

At the Chinese Embassy's and Consulate's request, Mr Keating met with Ambassador Xiao Qian and HE Liu Jianchao, Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC) when he led a delegation to visit Australia in November last year. On that occasion, Mr Keating unaccompanied, met with Minister Liu and the Ambassador, as has been his practice when meeting foreign officials over the last two decades.

Our office has been contacted by Ambassador Xiao Qian proposing a meeting with the Chinese Foreign Minister, HE Wang Yi, during the Minister's visit to Australia this month. Mr Keating has agreed to meet Minister Wang Yi. As has long been Mr Keating's practice, he will meet the Minister unaccompanied, save for staff of Mr Keating's own office.

Noting your advice that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is facilitating the visit to Australia by Minister Wang Yi, Mr Keating asked me to let you know that notwithstanding your assistance to the Minister, Mr Keating requires no such facilitation himself and will meet the Minister free of the need of Departmental officials being present.

Sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 10:21 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) (P. Keating, Former PM) s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Mr Keating [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I understand that the Embassy of the People's Republic of China have been in touch to make arrangements for a meeting with Mr Keating on Thursday 21 March at 10.30 am.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet are facilitating the visit to Australia by His Excellency Mr Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, The People's Republic of China.

I would be most appreciative of your confirmation of the meeting time as 10.30 am and advice on location.

Kindest regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Senior Protocol Officer

Protocol and International Visits Branch
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
p. s 22(1)(a)(ii) | m. s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 13 March 2024 2:05 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Possible meeting with Mr Keating [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

May I kindly ask you to give me a call at your convenience with regards to a possible meeting with Mr Keating on the morning of Thursday 21 March.

Kindest regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Senior Protocol Officer
Protocol and International Visits Branch
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
p. s 22(1)(a)(ii) | m. s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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Statement by PJ Keating

Visit to Australia by Chinese Foreign Minister HE Wang Yi

The Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr Wang Yi, is in Australia this week to participate in the China-Australia Foreign and Strategic Dialogue with his Australian counterpart, Foreign Minister Penny Wong.

This is a good development and very much to be supported.

While observing the reporting of this upcoming dialogue from the distance of my office in Sydney, last week I received an unexpected invitation from the Chinese Foreign Ministry for me to meet the Foreign Minister at the end of his visit should I have the time.

Within a day, I also received a communication from the Australian Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet offering to facilitate the meeting and to make appropriate arrangements.

Hardly an ‘extraordinary intervention’ as reported in today’s *Australian*.

Extraordinary apparently, that the host department of the host country, proposes to facilitate a meeting, in this case, between me and its national guest.

As a matter of courtesy, let alone anything else, I was happy to advise the Chinese Foreign Ministry that, given I had the time, I would be pleased to sit down and discuss international matters with the Foreign Minister.

Yet, the *Australian* newspaper this morning describes the Foreign Ministry invitation as a ‘jarring addition’ to Minister Wang Yi’s trip.

What could be ‘jarring’ when meetings with the Australian Foreign Minister will have concluded and where the Australian government itself is offering to facilitate the meeting?

Would *The Australian* so describe as ‘jarring’ and ‘extraordinary’ a similar invitation from the British Foreign Secretary to former Prime Minister Tony Abbott or Scott Morrison? Of course not.

It is the fact that former Prime Ministers of all countries meet ministers of other countries most if not all the time.

On my account, I have met ministers from other national governments for now just on thirty years and in the case of the Chinese, Premiers, Deputy Premiers and ministers.

This is the normal intercourse of national and international discussion that takes place across the world.

As to the Australian government, I have strongly supported the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in his desire, in his words, to re-anchor Australian foreign policy in the region. Or as the Prime Minister put it last week at the ASEAN Summit, his commitment to Australia ‘finding its security in Asia not from Asia’.

As I have supported Foreign Minister Penny Wong in her attempts to lower the loud hailer and ‘stabilise’ relations with China.


And, given the chance, I will be emphasising these points to Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. Australia has moved substantially from the counterproductive baiting policy the Morrison government applied to China to now something much more civil and productive.

The *Australian* newspaper, for its part, remains trenchantly anti-Chinese. So it is no surprise that such a distorted report should appear in today’s edition. *The Australian* prosyletises that Australia either is or could be a Chinese military target. But the same newspaper urges Australia to sell the Chinese ever more tonnages of iron ore, presumably so that China would have no trouble putting together the armaments of scale necessary to actually attack and damage us.

This is how mixed up *The Australian*’s editorial policy is and why it should be ignored. More than that, contemptuously ignored.

Paul Keating
18 March 2024

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2024 6:26 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) Fletcher, Graham

<Graham.Fletcher@pmc.gov.au>; Chittick, Craig <Craig.Chittick@pmc.gov.au>; Stevens, Edwina <Edwina.Stevens@pmc.gov.au>; International - China s 47E(d)


Subject: PM TPs for Wang Yi visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(iii)

Please see below **public TPs for the PM, on the Wang Yi visit.**

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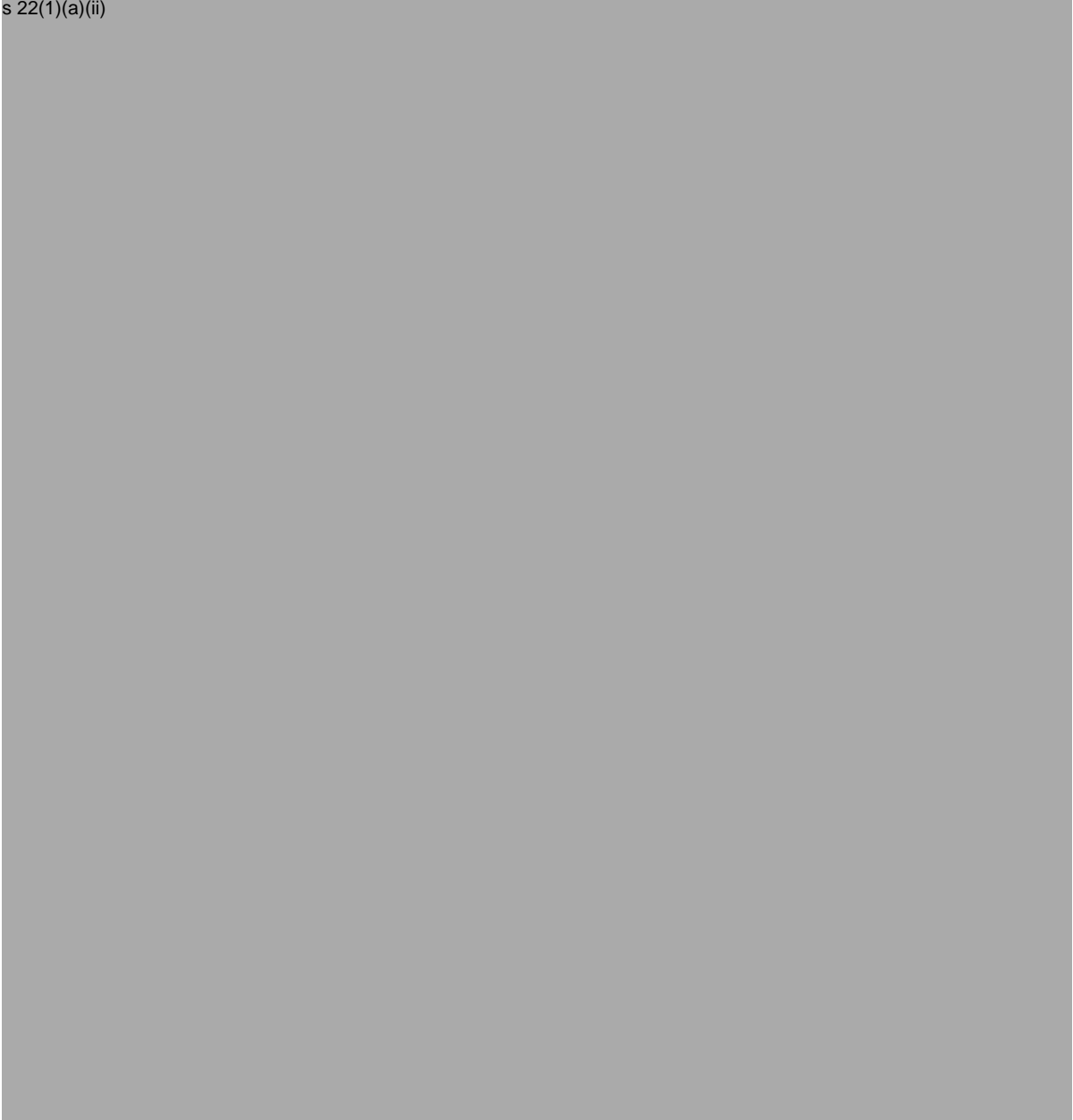
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If raised: What are your views on Wang Yi's meeting with Paul Keating [TBC 21 March]?

- The discussion between Mr Keating and Minister Wang is a matter for them.
- The meeting in Sydney was arranged by China.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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A/g Senior Adviser | China

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