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FYI Helen says:

Yes to brief - have warned minister that this will be controversial

Mark

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Hi Mark

as I briefly mentioned on the phone, the Office for the Arts issued a Foreign Actors Certificate to ^{s45} [REDACTED] to bring in one actor ^{s45} [REDACTED] to work on a ^{s45} [REDACTED] which will film in the ^{s45} [REDACTED]

^{s45} [REDACTED]
^{s45} [REDACTED] MEAA has contacted OFTA and has expressed that it very unhappy with the decision and will contest it through the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. MEAA may contact the Minister's Office.

^{s45} [REDACTED]

OFTA also considered that there is employment benefit. ^{s45} [REDACTED] advised that of the total budget of ^{s45} [REDACTED] will be spent in regional Australia. ^{s45} [REDACTED] will be spent on foreign cast fees for the production, which is ^{s45} [REDACTED] of the total budget. ^{s45} [REDACTED]

^{s45} [REDACTED] Approximately ^{s4} [REDACTED] Australian actors, ^{s45} [REDACTED] Australian extras and ^{s4} [REDACTED] Australian crew will be utilised.

A full brief will provided to the MO on this matter.

Caroline

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