

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [Rush, Peter](#)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Emailing: UK Policy - Rules_for_the_Acceptance_of_Foreign_Awards.pdf [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 1 March 2021 11:40:19 AM
Attachments: [UK Policy - Rules for the Acceptance of Foreign Awards.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Hi

Please see below a link (use CTRL + CLICK) to the UK policy.

While it is quite clear, I would still appreciate further consideration of this situation. As mentioned to s 22(1)(a)(ii) in the first instance I could contact my contact who heads up the policy area in the UK to discuss further.

Cheers

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Emailing: UK Policy - Rules_for_the_Acceptance_of_Foreign_Awards.pdf [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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

I note you recently spoke to s 22(1)(a)(ii) regarding s 47F

I have attached the UK Policy for your information. It was pulled from this website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-rules-on-the-acceptance-of-foreign-awards>

Happy to discuss.

Cheers

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RULES GOVERNING THE ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF FOREIGN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS BY CITIZENS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HER OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

These rules set out the circumstances under which a citizen of the United Kingdom or her Overseas Territories (“UK citizen”) may be granted The Sovereign’s permission to accept and wear an Order, Decoration or Medal (“foreign award”) conferred by a Head of State or Government of a foreign country, Head of Government of a Commonwealth country of which The Sovereign is not Head of State and certain international organisations (collectively referred to as “foreign state”).

Principles

1. No UK citizen¹ may accept and wear a foreign award without The Sovereign’s permission. Such permission must be sought as soon as there is an indication that an award may be offered.
2. The granting of permission for a UK citizen to accept an award offered by a foreign state will only be considered if the award recognises specified services rendered to the interests of that foreign state.
3. Permission will not be given for UK citizens to accept a foreign award if they have received, or are expected to receive, a UK award for the same services.
4. Acceptance of a foreign award does not mean that the UK will make a reciprocal offer directly or indirectly associated with the UK recipient.

¹ This includes British subjects and British-protected persons (BPPs). BPPs may accept awards conferred by their Rulers.

Permission

5. Permission to wear a foreign award, if granted, will be either:
 - **unrestricted** – allowing the award to be worn on any occasion; or
 - **restricted** – allowing the award to be worn only on particular occasions associated with the foreign state that conferred it.
6. The grant of permission, whether unrestricted or restricted, will be conveyed by letter to the UK citizen concerned from the The Sovereign's Private Secretary.

Application

7. A foreign state wishing to confer an award on a UK citizen is expected to ascertain – through its Diplomatic Representative at The Court of St James's – whether permission to accept an award would be likely to be given. Such requests for clearance will only be entertained in respect of awards given by Heads of State or Governments recognised as such by The Sovereign.
8. Requests made by certain international organisations (e.g., the United Nations and NATO) in respect of service in operations under their auspices should be made to the Defence Services Secretary in the Ministry of Defence.
9. Requests made in respect of services rendered more than five years previously, or in connection with events in the distant past (e.g., commemorative awards), will not be entertained.

10. Requests for clearance meeting the requirement of these regulations will be submitted to The Sovereign for consideration by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs – who will be under no obligation to make such a submission if the application has not been made as indicated in paragraphs 7 and 8 above.
11. Requests for clearance in the case of foreign awards conferred by private societies or institutions will not be granted.

Guidelines

12. Each request will be treated on a case by case basis. The fact that a similar application has been approved in the past should not be taken as implying that permission will be granted.
13. The grant of unrestricted permission will be considered in the case of foreign awards conferred for services:
 - related to the saving or attempting to save life²;
 - by any member of the UK Armed Forces or other UK official on exchange, attachment or loan to a foreign state who is involved in a military operation or an emergency³ on behalf of that country, state or organisation;
 - by any member of the UK Armed Forces serving in a UK Unit within a bi-lateral force under the command of the other country who renders especial service to the country's forces in a military operation or emergency; or

² Including medals issued by life saving societies and institutions (but these must be worn on the right breast).

³ It will be for the UK to decide if the operations or emergency is of the standard to fall within this criterion.

- in military operations under the auspices of an international organisation (e.g., the United Nations).
14. The grant of restricted permission will be considered in the case of foreign awards conferred:
- on the occasion of and in connection with a State or official visit by a Head of State or Government of a foreign or Commonwealth country;
 - in connection with a State visit by The Sovereign; or
 - to members of Special Missions when The Sovereign is represented at a coronation, wedding or funeral or other similar occasion; or on any Diplomatic Representative⁴ when specially accredited to represent The Sovereign on such occasions.
15. Other than in circumstances described in paragraphs 13 and 14 above, permission, unrestricted or restricted, will not be granted to⁵:
- Crown, civil and most categories of public servants generally;
 - in particular, to Heads or other members of HM Diplomatic or Consular establishments abroad when leaving their posts – whether on transfer or on final retirement;
 - senior officials, military and civilian, visiting foreign states; and
 - British citizens working as officials in international organisations.
16. No permission is needed for the acceptance of any foreign award if it is designed not to be worn.

⁴ This does not apply to his or her staff.

⁵ This guidance normally applies equally to the spouses or partners of Crown servants.

From: [Rush, Peter](#)
To: [Singer, Paul](#)
Cc: [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) [Moran, Celeste](#)
Subject: Re: Order of Australia: Letter to jurisdictions - Nationally consistent structure [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 1 March 2021 10:27:30 PM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)

Many thanks Paul

Cheers - Rush

On 1 Mar 2021, at 9:21 pm, Singer, Paul <Paul.Singer@gg.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Peter,

Further to our exchange earlier this evening, please find attached a copy of the letter sent by the Governor-General to each of the Premiers and Chief Ministers, via their respective Governor/Administrator.

The Governor-General discussed the contents of this letter with Assistant Minister Morton and the Chairman of the Council, Shane Stone, and also discussed it in broad terms with Council members during their last meeting.

With best wishes,

Paul

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [Rush, Peter](#)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: (Action Required) Meritorious awards - seeking advice [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 2 March 2021 5:24:20 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
Importance: High

Action Required

Hi all

Thank you for this advice (ie point (1)), we plan to share this with the state agencies (see below). We would also appreciate you placing this on your website.

In terms of the guidelines – we produced the ESM first, and then, after agreeing on the content and structure, the others could follow. Thank you for your offer to assist with the guidelines. I note your comment that they could use more detail, and look forward to receiving specific feedback on the content. It may be useful to make a time to meet to discuss the next steps. I agree that it would be too late to have the guidelines in place for QB21. However, in order for the guidelines to be useful for AD22, consultation needs to begin in the coming weeks, with the guidelines finalised by June.

In the meantime, we propose to send the following email tomorrow, given we are now assessing eligibility criteria for QB21 nominations. We welcome your input.

[START]

Dear Premiers/operational staff (*tbc),

Late last year we engaged with you on the need to review the eligibility criteria for the suite of Meritorious Awards, and I can confirm discussions have progressed with our Honours colleagues at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C), to prioritise this work.

As you're aware, this group of awards was created for those occupations that are primarily directed to providing services for the community, particularly in times of emergency or disaster. Historically nominees are people whose current service is in occupations which are inherently more hazardous than most other occupations.

s 47C

Guidelines

We are working closely with PM&C to establish guidelines to reflect the regulations and the intent of the awards. Over the coming months our focus will be on consulting with you to finalise these national guidelines. Together with PM&C, our primary consideration will be to consider if appropriate changes should be made to how these awards are administered and assessed, as well as any associated amendments to the Meritorious Awards regulations. This is a priority for both Offices, but may take some time to finalise.

Until then, nominations will be assessed on the existing criteria, with the addition of the interim advice referred to above. (<https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/meritorious-service-awards>).

Thank you to those who have provided us with your nominations. We will work with you to progress these as soon as possible.

[END]

Cheers

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Action Required

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Sent: Friday, 26 February 2021 11:50 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Rush, Peter ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Meritorious awards - seeking advice [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

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

Thank you for your email – I've provided answers using your numbering.

s 47C

We would also, of course, be happy to add the guidance on our website and we can work together to finalise the text based on those points in your email.

- (2) Your attachment only referred to the ESM – are you intending to only introduce Guidelines for the ESM, or to use this as the basis for consultation on the other Meritorious Awards as well? We have had a quick look at that attachment and think the final guidelines would benefit from more detail. Again, we'll be happy to work with you on draft guidelines for each of the Awards for consultation with the relevant stakeholders.
- We think the timeline for consultation, drafting, editing and confirmation required to establish new Guidelines in time for the QB2021 Awards is too short to allow consideration by the various services and Governments. Would there instead be benefit in starting consultation now and having Guidelines for each of the Meritorious Awards in place ahead of the nominations for the AD 2022 Awards? Obviously we will be happy to assist with drafting the Guidelines with you.

Thanks for consulting on this.

For your information, from Monday I'll be moving back to my normal Section and the new Senior Adviser, Honours and Symbols, will be s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

Sent: Sunday, 14 February 2021 11:15 PM

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

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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

Subject: Meritorious awards - seeking advice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

Hi

As discussed on Friday, please see below a number of matters we would appreciate your advice and feedback on.

- (1) We are seeking your policy advice on interpreting the meritorious eligibility against the criteria for each award.

s 47C

In order to effectively administer these awards we currently use the following to guide our assessment of the nominations. Recipients must:

- Be serving members/sworn members within the associated primary service (ambulance, fire, police, emergency, public service, corrections, intelligence), and no more than 12 months since retirement.
- Be in occupations that primarily provide services to the community, particularly in times of emergency or disaster (policy advice has been that these occupations are inherently more hazardous than most others and these awards were established for this reason). ie 'frontline'.
- Management, administrative positions or duties that do not require exposure to hazards are not eligible. Other forms of recognition, including the PSM or the Order of Australia may be more appropriate.
- Have recent frontline service – within the last couple of years.

s 47C

- (2) In addition, as discussed, please see below a draft email we would like to send as soon as possible to the jurisdictions:

START

Dear Premiers/operational staff (*tbc),

Late last year we engaged with you on the need to review the eligibility criteria for the suite of Meritorious Awards, and I can confirm discussions have begun with our Honours colleagues at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C), to prioritise this work.

For your reference, attached is a set of **draft national guidelines**. These reflect current regulations and the intent of the awards - to recognise meritorious service given by members of police, ambulance, fire and other emergency services who were trained to respond to instances relevant to their branch of service where a high level of hazard is experienced.

Our focus is on working with you to finalise these national guidelines. As mentioned, we will continue to liaise with the PM&C, primarily to consider if appropriate changes should be made to

how these awards are administered and assessed, as well as any associated amendments to the Meritorious Awards regulations. This is a priority for both Offices, but may take some time to finalise.

We need your help

We seek your valuable input to the attached guidelines, to ensure appropriate recognition, while retaining the original intent of the medal. s 47C

Extension of Submissions

We recognise the work to review these national guidelines may impact the delivery of your Meritorious Awards submission, so we offer you additional time and an extension of submissions, till 15 March 2021.

Until the guidelines have been finalised nominations will be assessed on the existing criteria. (<https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/meritorious-service-awards>). (Alex: is it possible to place something on your website to support the current criteria?)

We also attach an **example nomination template** for your reference, including [instructions to ensure we can process your nominations as quickly and efficiently as possible](#).

Background

As you're aware, this group of awards was created for those occupations that are primarily directed to providing services for the community, particularly in times of emergency or disaster. Historically nominees are people who have occupations which are inherently more hazardous than most other occupations.

In 2020 we saw unprecedented times, with the global spread of the COVID -19 pandemic. Many Australians rose to the challenge, going above and beyond to help those most vulnerable in our communities and we anticipate large numbers of nominations for COVID-19 pandemic related work over the coming months and years.

Further, in recognition of the national response effort, on 24 January 2021 the Prime Minister [announced an Honours list](#) and called for nominations to recognise 'people, professionals and volunteers who displayed extraordinary service and achievement during the COVID-19 response and recovery.' The Prime Minister also announced a dedicated COVID-19 Honours list, to be released on the Queen's Birthday in June 2021.

Next steps

Your views are important to us and we seek your input to the guidelines by Friday, 26 February 2021. Please send your comments and direct any questions to s 22(1)(a)(ii) (cc'ed above), Administrative Assistant, Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat.

END

(3) We have also attached the draft guidelines, reflecting our current approach and original intent of the meritorious suite of awards.

As you would appreciate, we would like your advice this week (particularly on item (1)), so we can finalise the email and guidelines and process the nominations as soon as possible. As you would appreciate, any change to the way we currently assess will change the content of the email and also the guidelines.

s 47C

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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From: [Rush, Peter](#)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: [Foster, Stephanie](#)
Subject: RE: Order of Australia Council business - QB21 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 5 March 2021 3:41:03 PM

OFFICIAL

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

1. s 47F is correct (that's his private one).
2. And senator.birmingham@aph.gov.au is best email address.

Cheers - Rush

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 3 March 2021 10:32 PM
To: Rush, Peter
Cc: Foster, Stephanie
Subject: FW: Order of Australia Council business - QB21 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Peter

I believe Senator Birmingham would like to receive correspondence such as that below. I wasn't sure of his email address, so have sent the email to Minister Morton. Our records have him as

s 47F (doesn't seem right to me??).

May I have the best email for Senator Birmingham, or would you like to forward?

Many thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 3 March 2021 10:25 PM

To: s 47F

[Redacted content]

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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<angus.campbell@defence.gov.au>; 'stephanie.foster@pmc.gov.au'

<stephanie.foster@pmc.gov.au>; s 47F

Cc: s 47F Singer, Paul <Paul.Singer@gg.gov.au>; De Vries,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: Order of Australia Council business - QB21 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Honours in Confidence

Good evening Council members

s 47C , s 47F

I would also like to note that there is a significantly improved gender balance in The Queen's Birthday list (approximately 44-46% female recipients).

I welcome your views on the recommendations.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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To: [Reid, John](#); [Moran, Celeste](#)
Subject: Canceled: Placeholder Monthly Catch up Peter Rush PM&C [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: [Picture \(Device Independent Bitmap\) 1.jpg](#)
[Picture \(Device Independent Bitmap\) 2.jpg](#)
[Picture \(Device Independent Bitmap\) 3.jpg](#)
Importance: High

Hi Peter,

As discussed with: s 22(1)(a)(ii) please see appointment request confirming your meeting with Paul.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](https://www.gg.gov.au/) Executive Assistant to Paul Singer MVO, Official Secretary to the Governor-General
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From: [Reid, John](#)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Automatic reply: Placeholder Monthly Catch up Peter Rush PM&C [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 4 March 2021 3:29:35 PM

Thank you for your email. I am currently out of the office, returning on Monday 29 March 2021. In my absence, please contact Celeste Moran, acting First Assistant Secretary, at celeste.moran@pmc.gov.au or 02 6271 5124.

Regards,
John

From: [Rush, Peter](#)
To: [Singer, Paul](#)
Subject: Accepted: Placeholder Monthly Catch up Peter Rush PM&C [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Subject: National Emergency medal discussion [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Location: Peter to s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Start: Tue 9/03/2021 12:00 PM
End: Tue 9/03/2021 12:30 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Rush, Peter
Required Attendees: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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From: [Rush, Peter](#)
To: ["Singer, Paul"](#)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Ministerial arrangements [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 12 March 2021 10:25:38 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

OFFICIAL

Thanks Paul

From: Singer, Paul
Sent: Friday, 12 March 2021 10:00 AM
To: Rush, Peter
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Ministerial arrangements [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning Peter,
 This will be fine, happy to resolve the administrative arrangements for both Ministers Morton and Landry in the same correspondence.
 With best wishes,
 Paul



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From: Rush, Peter [<mailto:Peter.Rush@pmc.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 11 March 2021 4:21 PM
To: Singer, Paul <Paul.Singer@gg.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Ministerial arrangements [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Paul: a related matter has arisen today. The PM has asked Assistant Minister Morton to have oversight of the Global Talents Taskforce, located in the Department of Home Affairs. This would require Mr Morton being sworn to administer the Dept of Home Affairs. If you agree, we can aim to incorporate this change of arrangements in the same correspondence between PM and GG as that for Assistant Minister Landry.

Cheers - Rush

From: Rush, Peter
Sent: Thursday, 11 March 2021 11:37 AM
To: 'Singer, Paul' <Paul.Singer@gg.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Ministerial arrangements [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Many thanks Paul

Cheers - Rush

From: Singer, Paul <Paul.Singer@gg.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 11 March 2021 11:31 AM
To: Rush, Peter <Peter.Rush@pmc.gov.au>

Subject: Ministerial arrangements [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning Peter,

Thanks for your time yesterday, good to catch-up.

In response to your question on Assistant Minister Landry, the Governor-General would be happy to consider the proposed administrative arrangements based on a recommendation by the Prime Minister, without requiring a 'ceremony'.

With best wishes,

Paul



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From: [Singer, Paul](#)
To: [Rush, Peter](#)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Two quick updates [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 25 March 2021 10:21:56 AM
Attachments: [image011.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Good morning Peter,
 Thanks very much for this, very helpful.
 With best wishes,
 Paul





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From: Rush, Peter [mailto:Peter.Rush@pmc.gov.au]

Sent: Thursday, 25 March 2021 10:15 AM

To: Singer, Paul

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

Subject: RE: Two quick updates [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Paul, for the Governor-General's meeting with Chris Hartley on Monday 29 March 2021.

[Australian Future Leaders Program](#)

- The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has been asked by the Government to look into possible funding support for the Australian Future Leaders Program.
- While this does not guarantee funding, it is a clear sign that the Government is positively inclined.
- PM&C is actively considering options for the most appropriate, efficient and effective way to provide funding in support of such a Program.
- PM&C advises that it will take several more weeks to explore the legislative and government procurement requirements before they will be in a position to discuss the potential for funding of the program with you in more detail.
- However, PM&C remains committed to resolving whether and how funding might be provided, no later than the middle of this year.
- It will be important that the Foundation itself is legally established as soon as practicable, noting that this would be a prerequisite to PM&C entering into any funding arrangement.
- It would also be useful for you to provide PM&C with further information about the identified non-government funding sources available to the Foundation.

I trust this is helpful. Please let me know if you need more or different.

Cheers,

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From: Rush, Peter
Sent: Wednesday, 24 March 2021 2:59 PM
To: 'Singer, Paul' <Paul.Singer@gg.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Two quick updates [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Hi Paul,
It's always good to see you and your staff.
I agree, now is a good time to connect with [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (maybe next week, once Parliament has risen).
I will get back with some lines about FLP.
Cheers - Rush

From: Singer, Paul <Paul.Singer@gg.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 March 2021 2:51 PM
To: Rush, Peter <Peter.Rush@pmc.gov.au>
Subject: Two quick updates [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Good afternoon Peter,
Good to see you earlier this week, and I'm sure the PM&C agencies appreciated your support at Estimates.
Two quick ones.
1) **Palace letters.** With DFAT now having finalised their advice, I think it's worth me now connecting with and updating [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) in the PMO, unless you suggest otherwise.
2) **Australian Future Leaders Programme.** The Governor-General will be meeting with Chris Hartley on Monday to discuss the program and has asked for an update on funding arrangements. Could you please send me a few lines before 11am Monday that I can provide the Governor-General?
Happy to discuss.
With best wishes,
Paul



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From: [Singer, Paul](#)
To: [Rush, Peter](#)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [Reid, John](#)
Subject: RE: ministry list [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 29 March 2021 5:11:48 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)

Thanks very much Peter, and welcome back John!
 I know that s 22(1)(a)(ii) is in touch regarding detailed arrangements.
 With best wishes,
 Paul



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From: Rush, Peter [mailto:Peter.Rush@pmc.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 29 March 2021 2:18 PM
To: Singer, Paul
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [Reid, John](#)
Subject: ministry list [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Paul: 'proposed' ministry list attached.

Peter Rush

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29 March 2021

PROPOSED SECOND MORRISON MINISTRY

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Prime Minister Minister for the Public Service Minister for Women Minister for Indigenous Australians <i>Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i> <i>Assistant Minister to the Minister for the Public Service</i> <i>Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention</i> <i>Assistant Minister for Women</i>	The Hon Scott Morrison MP The Hon Scott Morrison MP Senator the Hon Marise Payne The Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP <i>The Hon Ben Morton MP</i> <i>The Hon Ben Morton MP</i> <i>The Hon David Coleman MP</i> <i>Senator the Hon Amanda Stoker</i>
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government Minister for Decentralisation and Regional Education <i>Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport</i> <i>Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister</i> <i>Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories</i>	The Hon Michael McCormack MP The Hon Paul Fletcher MP The Hon Mark Coulton MP The Hon Andrew Gee MP <i>The Hon Scott Buchholz MP</i> <i>The Hon Kevin Hogan MP</i> <i>The Hon Nola Marino MP</i>
Treasurer Assistant Treasurer Minister for Housing Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and the Digital Economy Minister for Women's Economic Security	The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP The Hon Michael Sukkar MP The Hon Michael Sukkar MP Senator the Hon Jane Hume Senator the Hon Jane Hume
Minister for Finance (Vice-President of the Executive Council) (Leader of the Government in the Senate) <i>Assistant Minister for Electoral Matters</i>	Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham <i>The Hon Ben Morton MP</i>
Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management Minister for the Environment Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia <i>Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management</i> <i>Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries</i>	The Hon David Littleproud MP The Hon Sussan Ley MP The Hon Keith Pitt MP <i>The Hon Trevor Evans MP</i> <i>Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam</i>
Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Minister for International Development and the Pacific Minister Assisting the Minister for Trade and Investment	Senator the Hon Marise Payne The Hon Dan Tehan MP Senator the Hon Zed Seselja The Hon Andrew Gee MP
Minister for Defence (Leader of the House) Minister for Defence Industry Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Defence Personnel (Deputy Leader of the House) <i>Assistant Minister for Defence</i>	The Hon Peter Dutton MP The Hon Peter Dutton MP The Hon Melissa Price MP The Hon Darren Chester MP The Hon Darren Chester MP The Hon Darren Chester MP <i>The Hon Andrew Hastie MP</i>
Attorney-General Minister for Industrial Relations (Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate) <i>Assistant Minister to the Attorney-General</i> <i>Assistant Minister for Industrial Relations</i>	Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash <i>Senator the Hon Amanda Stoker</i> <i>Senator the Hon Amanda Stoker</i>
Minister for Health & Aged Care Minister for Senior Australians, Aged Care Services Minister for Sport Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government	The Hon Greg Hunt MP Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck The Hon Mark Coulton MP
Minister for Families and Social Services Minister for Women's Safety (Manager of Government Business in the Senate) Minister for Government Services Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme Minister for Homelessness, Social and Community Housing <i>Assistant Minister for Children and Families</i>	Senator the Hon Anne Ruston Senator the Hon Anne Ruston Senator the Hon Anne Ruston Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC The Hon Michael Sukkar MP <i>The Hon Michelle Landry MP</i>
Minister for Home Affairs Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs <i>Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs</i>	The Hon Karen Andrews MP The Hon David Littleproud MP The Hon Alex Hawke MP <i>The Hon Jason Wood MP</i>
Minister for Industry, Science and Technology Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia <i>Assistant Minister for Northern Australia</i> <i>Assistant Minister for Industry Development</i>	The Hon Christian Porter MP The Hon Angus Taylor MP The Hon Keith Pitt MP <i>The Hon Michelle Landry MP</i> <i>Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam</i>
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From: [Reid, John](#)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Australian Future Leaders Forum [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Thursday, 29 April 2021 1:13:18 PM
Attachments: [psc260_27-04-2021_11-41-30.pdf](#)
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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed, and for your awareness, here is the invitation received by Mr Woolcott.

Cheers,

JR

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Can we discuss
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J. H. M.

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Peter - there is an APS200
placeholder in the
diary on 17 May
(4:30-5:30pm).

Dear Mr Woolcott

On behalf of His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, I am writing to invite you to a roundtable at Admiralty House, Kirribilli, on Monday 17 May 2021, from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Bringing together eminent Australians from business, industry, higher education and the broader community, the roundtable will guide development of the *Australian Future Leaders Program*.

This includes leveraging the knowledge, insight and experience of some of the country's highest achievers to equip our emerging leaders to counter the challenges – and seize the opportunities – Australia faces in the 21st century.

During the roundtable, you will hear the Governor-General's vision for the *Australian Future Leaders Program* and, in collaboration with your peers, identify:

- themes and topics to be covered
- learning outcomes and experiences; and
- options and opportunities for broader engagement.

Your involvement in the roundtable will be fundamental in establishing both the foundation and ongoing framework for the Program, and ensuring the currency and relevance of its outputs.

I would be grateful if you could advise your attendance by reply email by Friday 30 April 2021.

Please note due to the limit on numbers for this event, invitations are not transferrable on this occasion.

Should you have questions, please contact my Senior Program and Events Adviser,
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Yours sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Paul Singer MVO

Official Secretary to the Governor-General