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


Sharing the draft points we have sent to s33(a)(iii) for comment.

We can share the final brief when it's ready but hopefully it's useful in giving you a steer for the s 33(a)(iii) .

Best regards

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**Where can Australians donate to support humanitarian efforts on the ground?**

- DFAT's Crisis Hub web page provides advice on donating to charities that deliver humanitarian relief
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### **Australians affected**

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## Handling Notes

## Media Interest

These events have a high level of domestic and international interest.

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DFAT continuing to

support s22(1)(a)(ii) Australians and family members registered for support in departing Gaza.

- s22(1)(a)(ii) who crossed the Rafah border on 1 November have been booked to leave Egypt s22(1)(a)(ii)

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#### ATTACHMENTS

- DFAT WofG TPs
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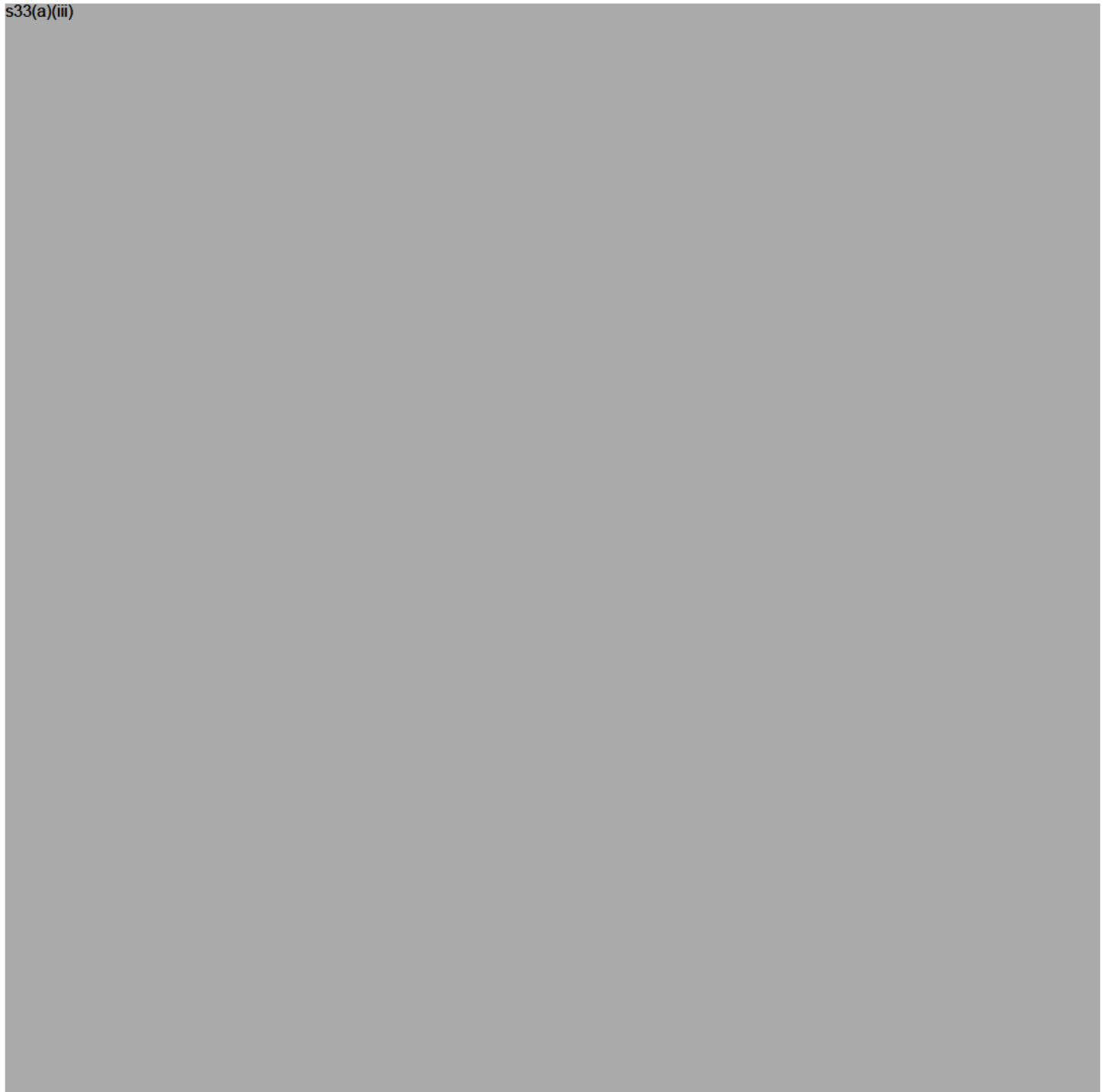
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As at 10/10/2023 0500

**HAMAS-ISRAEL CONFLICT:** s33(a)(iii)

**DFAT UPDATE:** as at 1700 3 November 2023

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- The UN issued a statement on 2 November saying the Palestinian people “are at grave risk of genocide” and that “Israel’s allies also bear responsibility”.

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#### AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- BBC News reported FM Penny Wong had issued a message to Israel: ‘The international community will not accept ongoing civilian deaths, so when Israel’s friends urge Israel to exercise restraint, when Israel’s friends urge Israel to protect civilian lives, it is critical that Israel listens... ‘It matters for Israel’s own security which faces grave risks of the conflict spreads.’

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## CONSULAR UPDATE

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- Consular information is provided in Attachment B – Consular Data Snapshot.

## HUMANITARIAN UPDATES

- Casualty figures to date are provided in Attachment A.
- The humanitarian situation in Gaza remains dire. Fuel shortages are acute and having widespread impacts on hospitals and health facilities, water and food supplies.

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- According to OCHA (2 November), 14 out of 35 hospitals with inpatient capacities across Gaza are currently not functioning, while 51 of 72 primary care facilities across Gaza are not functioning due to damage or lack of fuel.

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- Delivery of humanitarian aid from the south to approximately 300,000 internally displaced people in the north has come to a halt due to military ground operations and armed groups cutting off Gaza City and Northern Gaza.
- OCHA key advocacy points are to establish a humanitarian pause for safe and unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance; ensure civilian protection of civilian objectives (specifically hospitals); and release all hostages.

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## ATTACHMENT A – CASUALTY FIGURES

Casualty figures as reported in the UN OCHA Flash Update #27 on 2 November, which includes figures from the Ministry of Health in Gaza and Israeli official sources:

### PALESTINIAN CASUALTIES

#### Gaza\*

 9,061 Fatalities

 22,911 Injuries

#### West Bank

 132 Fatalities

 2,281 Injuries

#### Israel

 (at least) 1,000\*\* Fatalities

 NA Injuries

\*According to the MoH in Gaza

### ISRAELI CASUALTIES\*\*

#### Israel

 ~1,400 Fatalities

 ~5,400 Injuries

#### West Bank

 2 Fatalities

 15 Injuries

#### Gaza

 17 Fatalities

 NA Injuries

\*\*According to Israeli official sources





**ATTACHMENT B: CONSULAR DATA SNAPSHOT – as at 1700 AEDT on 03 November 2023**

**Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories**

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Active registrations of Australians in Israel & the OPT	1,245	
Registered for information only	445	
Total receiving consular assistance	152	
Receiving consular assistance in Israel <i>(inc support to family of Australian killed in Israel)</i>		s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Receiving consular assistance in Gaza		
Receiving consular assistance in Egypt <i>(departed Gaza)</i>		
Receiving consular assistance in the West Bank		
Total registered Australians departed Israel	2,047	
Confirmed registered Australians arrived in Australia (assisted and independently)	1,204	
Australian and foreign nationals departed Israel for a regional hub via assisted departures <sup>s22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> <sup>(a)(ii)</sup> Australians)		s22(1)(a)(ii)
Australian and foreign nationals arrived in Australia via assisted flights and commercial options facilitated by the Australian government <sup>s22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> <sup>(a)(ii)</sup> Australians)		
Australians departed West Bank via vehicle <sup>s22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>		
Australians departed Gaza (includes <sup>s22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>		

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## ATTACHMENT C – MAPS



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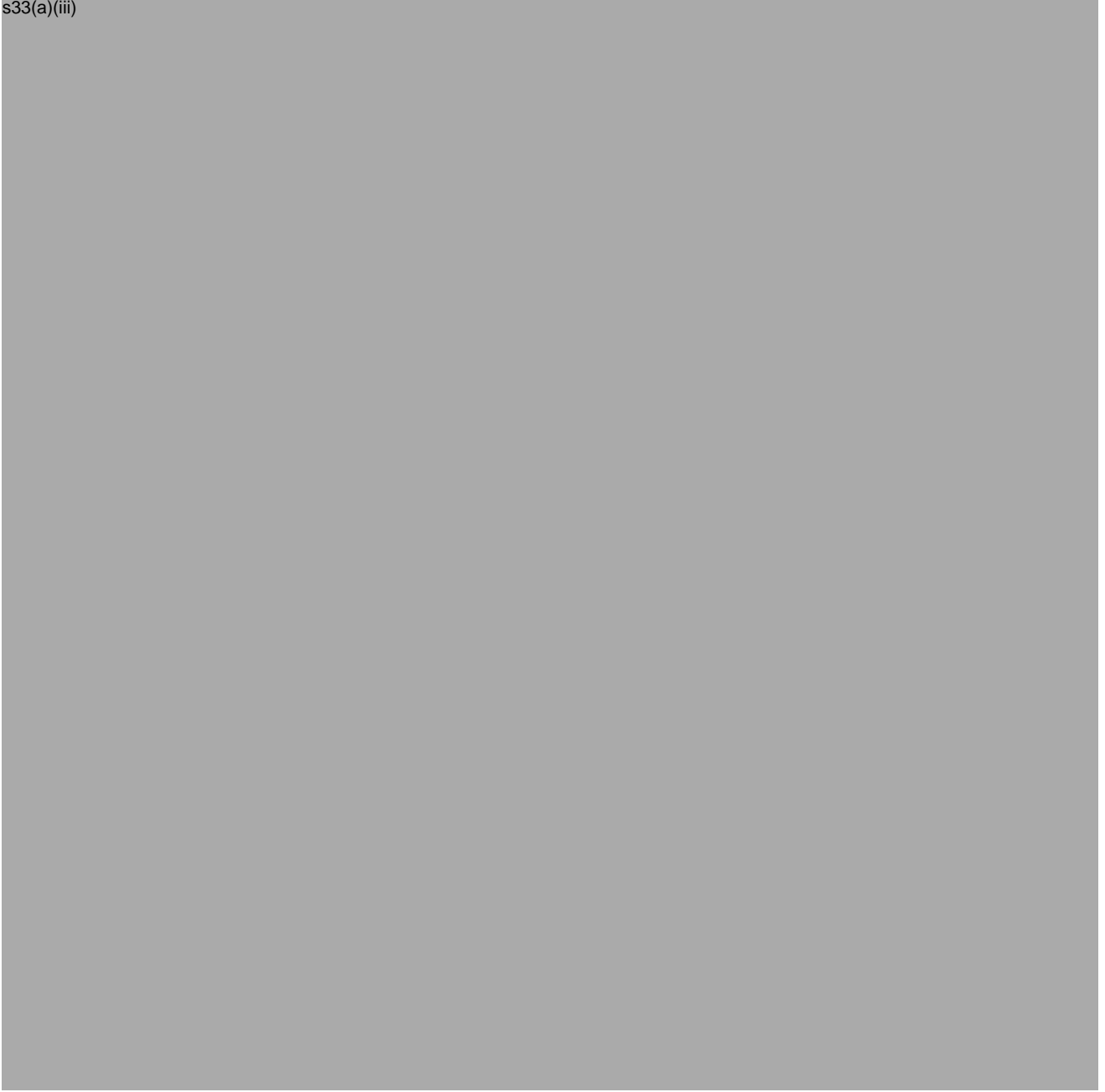
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- We recognise there are many Australians who will be deeply distressed by the Hamas-Israel conflict.

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### **What support will be provided to those Australians who have crossed into Egypt?**

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**If asked: Why was personal information of individuals departing Gaza posted online?**

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## **Humanitarian**


### **What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?**

- The humanitarian situation in Gaza is grave, with an estimated nearly 1.5 million people displaced, access to water is very limited and humanitarian supplies running out
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- Life-saving humanitarian aid must continue to enter Gaza for those who need it.
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**Where can Australians donate to support humanitarian efforts on the ground?**

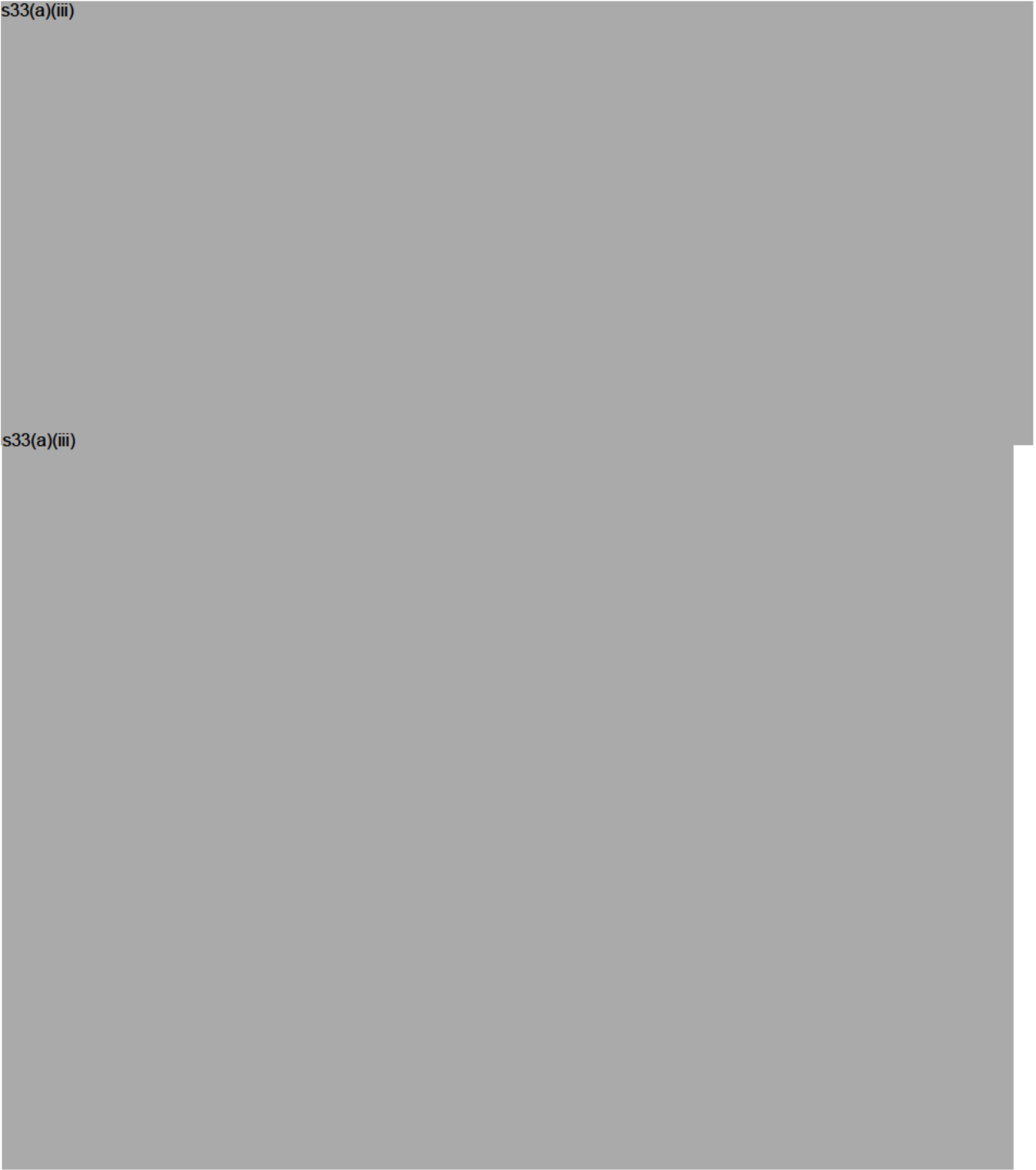
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Australia believes a just and enduring peace requires a two-state solution

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
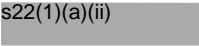





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




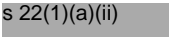


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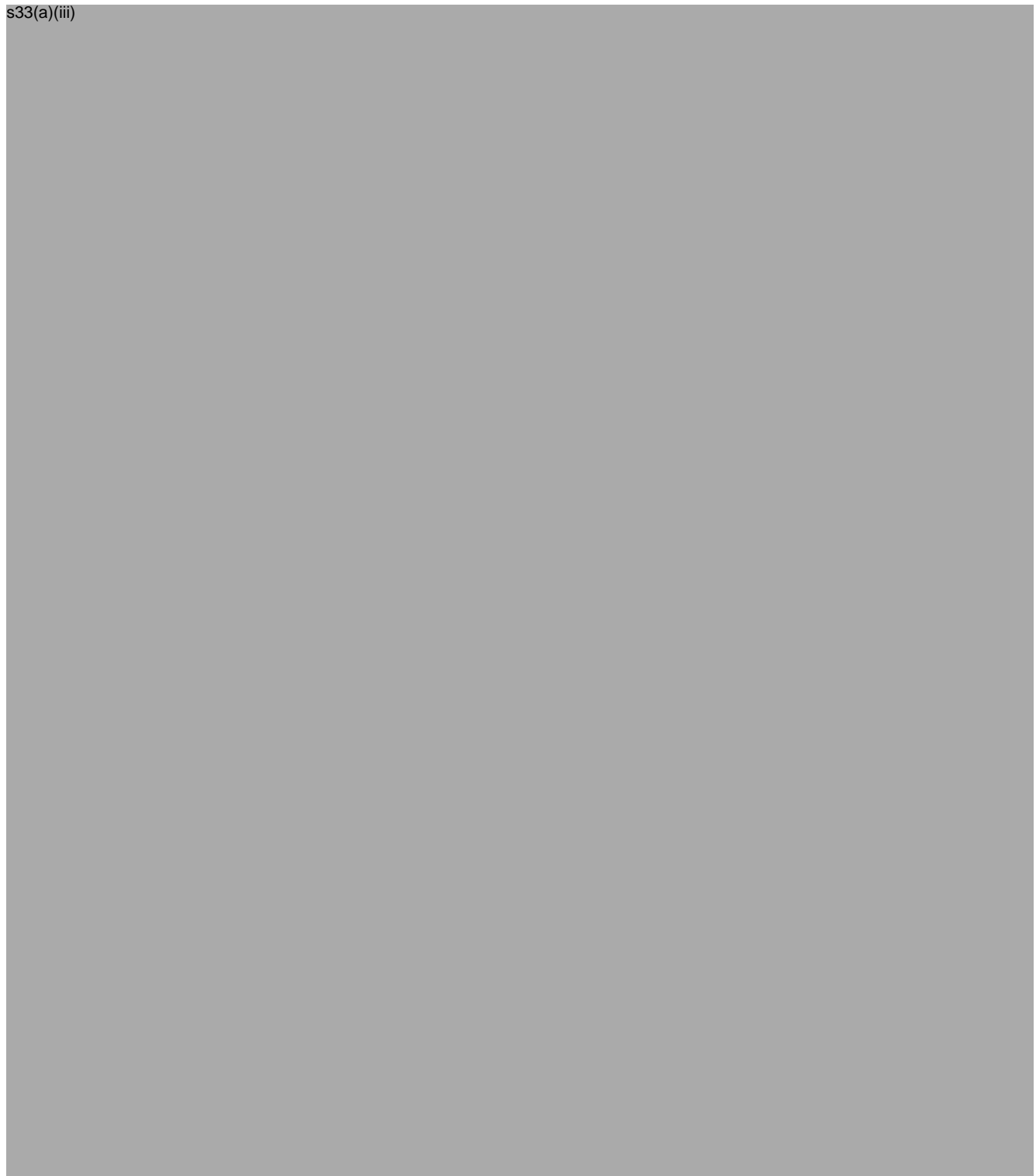
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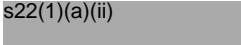
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**DFAT (SITREP UPDATE)**


- Of the s 22(1)(a)(ii) DFAT assisted to depart Gaza, the last of the s 22 being assisted by Australia to return has arrived. The remaining s22(1)(a)(ii) s 22
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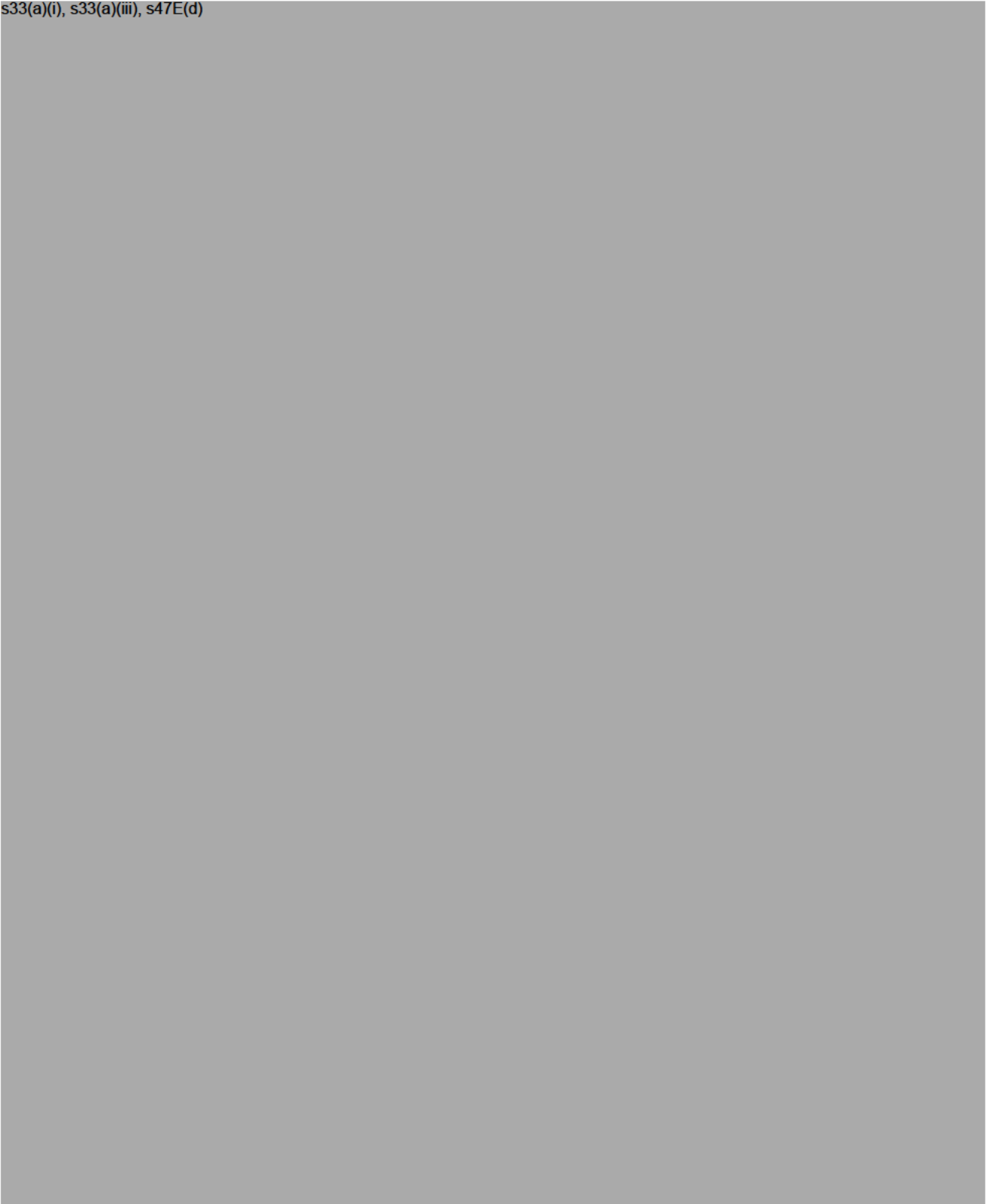





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**HAMAS-ISRAEL CONFLICT:** s33(a)(iii)**DFAT UPDATE:** as at 1700 6 November 2023

s33(a)(iii)

- **AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

- Australia continues to call for humanitarian pauses on hostilities to enable delivery of critical aid to Gaza and the opening of border crossings to allow Australians to safely exit Gaza.

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- **CONSULAR UPDATE**

- Consular information is provided in Attachment A – Consular Data Snapshot.
- Ben Gurion and Haifa airports remain open, with regular flights and good seat availability from Israel. Land borders with Jordan and Egypt (Taba) are functioning.

**HUMANITARIAN UPDATES**

- Casualty figures as of 5 November (AEDT) and regional maps are provided in Attachment B.
- UNRWA reports there are nearly 1.5 million internally displaced people (IDP) in Gaza; approximately 717,000 are sheltering in UNRWA facilities, 122,000 in hospitals, churches and public buildings and 110,000 in schools.

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- Since the start of hostilities, 14 out of 35 Gazan hospitals with inpatient capacities have stopped functioning and 51 (71 per cent) of all primary care facilities across Gaza (72) have shut down due to damage or lack of fuel.

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**ATTACHMENT A: CONSULAR DATA SNAPSHOT – as at 1700 AEDT on 6 November 2023**

**Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories**

**Consular Assistance**

Active registrations of Australians in Israel & the OPT	1,235
Registered for information only	442
Total receiving consular assistance	140
Receiving consular assistance in Israel <i>(inc support to family of Australian killed in Israel)</i>	s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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**Departures**

Total registered Australians departed Israel	2,064
Confirmed registered Australians arrived in Australia (assisted and independently)	1,222
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### REPORTED CASUALTIES (Cumulative) as of 4 November 2023

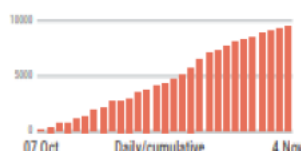
#### Palestinians\*

9,485

Reported fatalities  
in addition to 1,000 fatalities\*\* (at least) in Israel

2,430 Women  
3,900 Children  
572 Elderly

67% of Reported fatalities



Other 2,100 people including 1,250 children reported missing and may be trapped under the rubble

#### Families with multiple fatalities

1,006

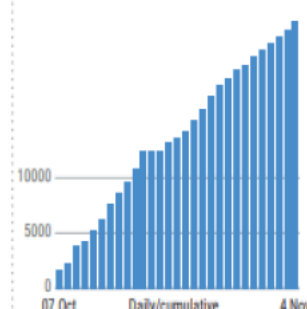
At least 6,120 of the reported fatalities were from 825 families

More than 10: 192 Families  
6 to 9: 136 Families  
2 to 5: 444 Families

Family breakdown:  
Updated as of 26 Oct.

24,173

Reported injuries



\*According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza

#### Israelis\*\*

##### Israel

~1,400

Reported fatalities

31 Children,  
out of 1,135 identified fatalities

~5,400

Reported injuries

##### Gaza

28

Reported fatalities

NA

Reported injuries

\*\*Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities (most killed on 7 October)

### DAMAGE\*

40,000+

Destroyed housing units

220,000+

Partially damaged housing units

- At least 45% of Gaza's housing units reportedly destroyed or damaged
- 258 education facilities reportedly damaged
- 11 bakeries reportedly destroyed
- 16 hospitals and 32 Health care center out of service
- 27 ambulances damaged
- 20 WASH facilities damaged
- At least 3 churches and 55 mosques damaged

\*Ministry of public works and housing as of 23 Oct.

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#### FOOD SECURITY

Market stocks of essential food\*:  
Wheat flour (23 days), Vegetable oil (3 days),  
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The **only** operative mill cannot transform wheat due to electricity outages

4-6 hours average waiting time to receive half of normal bread portion

#### WATER AND SANITATION

92% less water consumption than pre-hostilities (average)

Most of 65 sewage pumping are not operational

50% leakage in a main water pipeline between Rafah and Khan Younis

Two of the 3 water pipelines from Israel are functioning

#### HEALTH

##### Shut down

over 1/3 of the hospitals and nearly 2/3 of primary health care shut down

##### At high risk

At least 1,000 kidney failure, 9,000 cancer patients, 130 neonates in incubators

##### Critical shortages

of drugs, blood products and supplies (Fuel at the hospitals is being severely rationed)

##### Evacuation orders

All 13 hospitals still operational in Gaza city and Northern Gaza have received evacuation orders

#### EDUCATION

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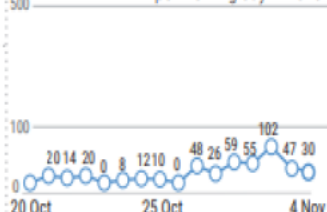
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#### MOVEMENT AND ACCESS

Closure of crossings with Egypt and Israel, Prohibition of sea access and restrictions, near Israel's perimeter fence.

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451 trucks with humanitarian aid entered Gaza since 21 October.



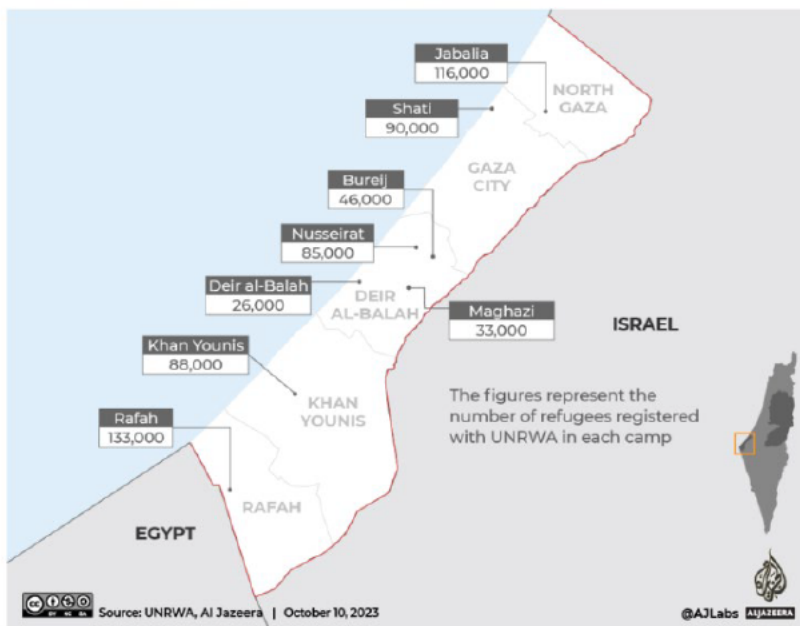
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#### ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT

### Gaza's refugee camps

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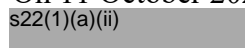
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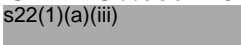
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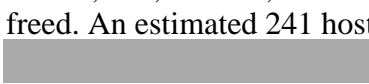
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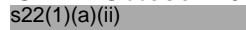


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




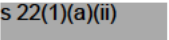


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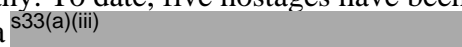
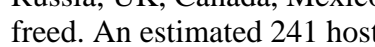
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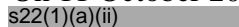


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### Talking Points

#### Headline messages

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- Australia continues to call for humanitarian pauses on hostilities
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- The devastating crisis in Gaza underscores the need for a political solution to the long-running conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.


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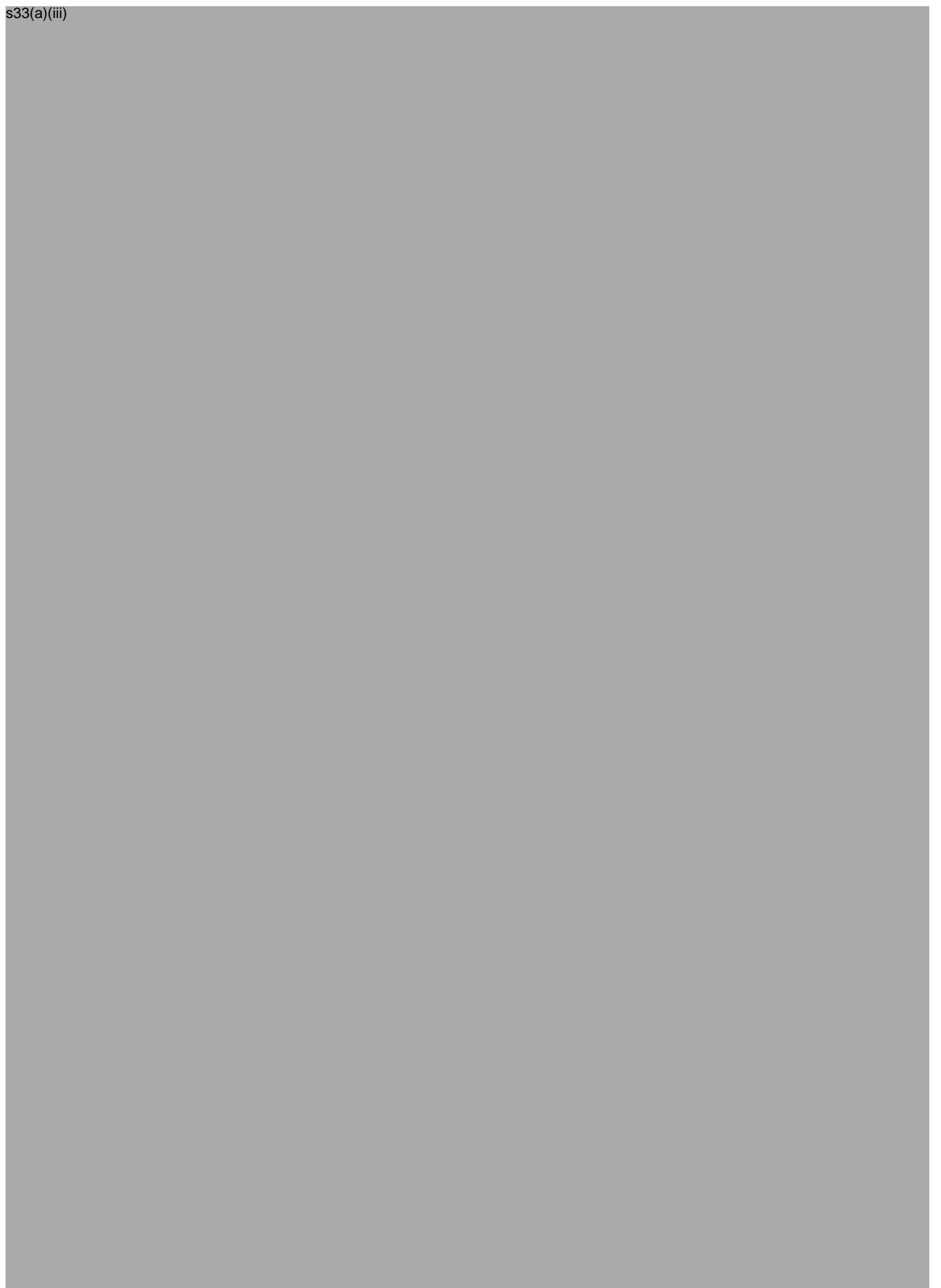
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




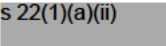
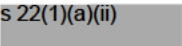
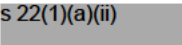
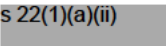


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### **Talking Points**

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## **MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS**

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### **Talking Points**

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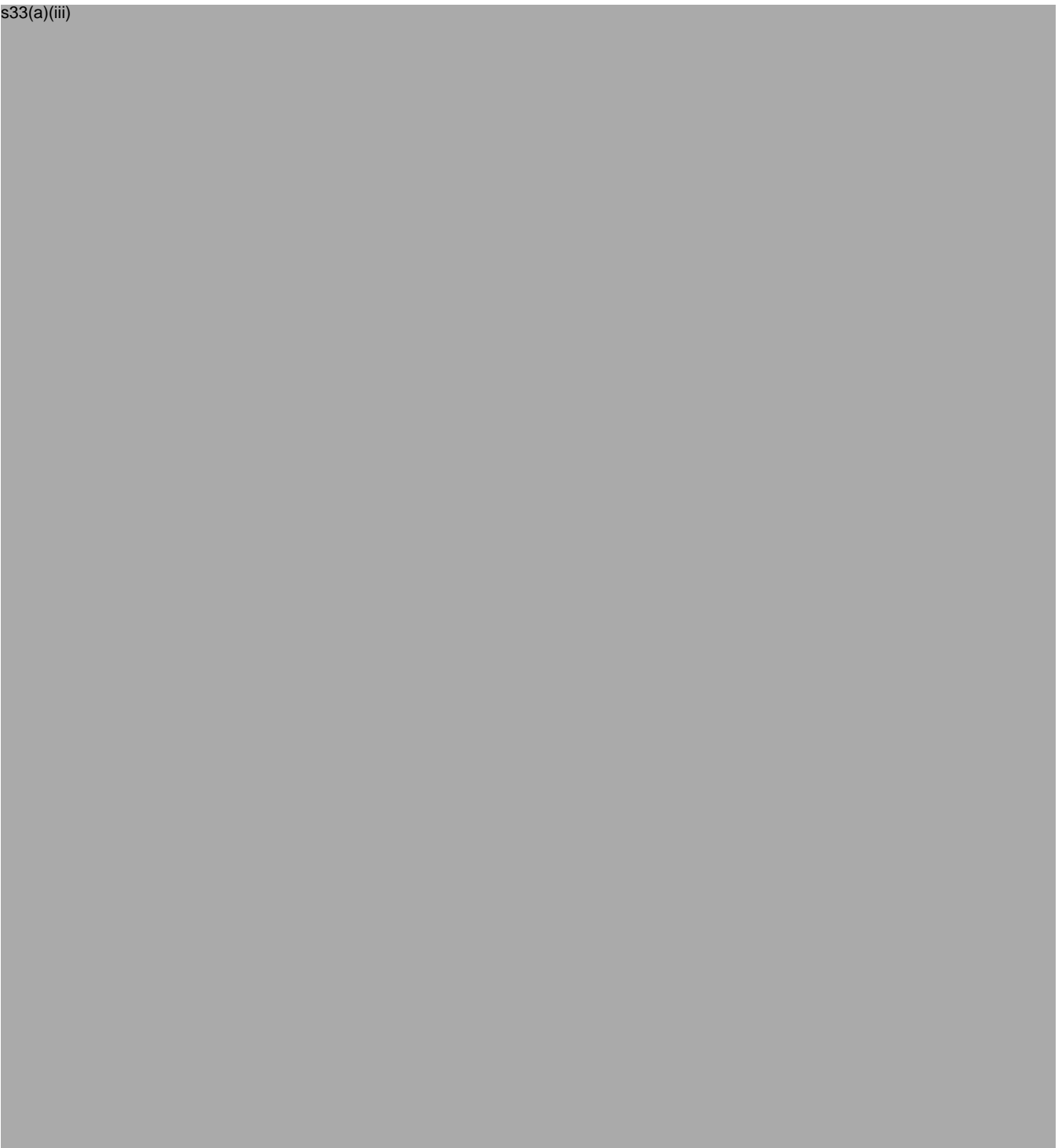
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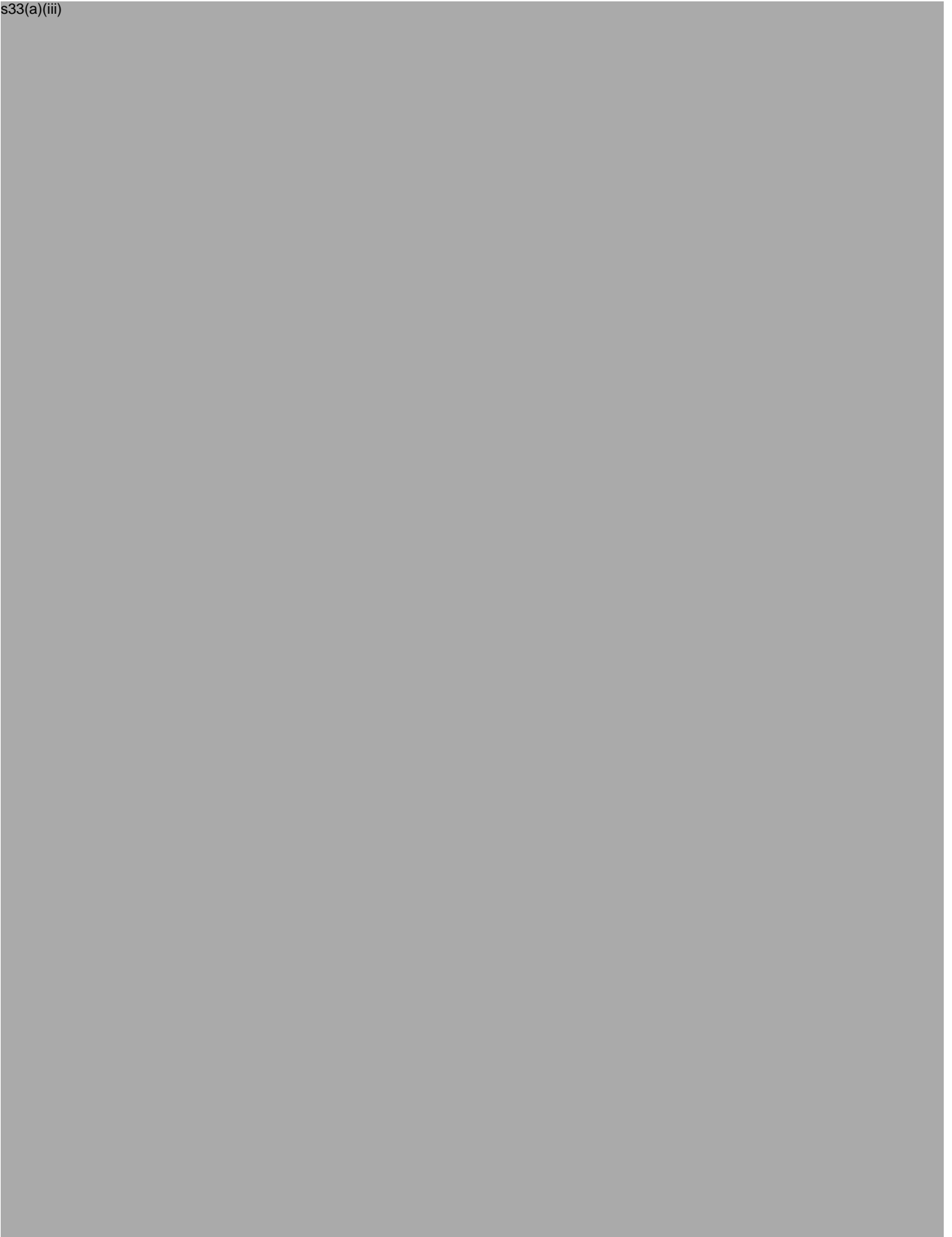
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### **Talking Points**

#### **Headline messages**

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  - our thoughts are with all those impacted.
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- Australia is doing all it can to support the <sup>s22</sup><sub>(1)</sub> Australians, their immediate family members and a small number of long-term visa holders still in Gaza who wish to depart
  - including providing the best available information and options for their safety and communicating through all available channels.

### Australia's position

- Australia unequivocally condemns the Hamas attacks on Israel as abhorrent acts of terror against innocent civilians
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**What is Australia's view on the longer-term solution to the Hamas-Israel conflict?**


- The devastating crisis in Gaza underscores the need for a political solution to the long-running conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.
- The Australian Government's guiding principle has always been the pursuit of a two-state solution
  - where Israelis and Palestinians can live in peace and security within internationally recognised borders.

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- Australia is not in a position to comment on operational developments
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## **Travel Advice and Departures**

### **How can Australians in Israel, the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Lebanon register with DFAT?**

- Australians in Israel, the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Lebanon can register via [crisis.dfat.gov.au](https://crisis.dfat.gov.au).

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  - Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport remains open and commercial flights are available.
- Monitor local media and public safety information updates through the National Emergency Portal (accessible in Israel only).

### **What assistance is Australia providing to Australians and their family members in Gaza?**

- We continue to provide assistance to s 22(1)(a)(ii) in Gaza
  - including Australians, their immediate family members and a few long-term visa holders who have told us they want our help to depart.
- Australia is communicating about departure options with all individuals registered with us in Gaza
  - disruptions to communications infrastructure in Gaza have made contact

difficult.

- Australia has worked with authorities and supported international efforts to establish a safe passage corridor both for humanitarian supplies and for Australians and their family members who want to depart Gaza.
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- Australia has assisted a number of Australians and their family members to depart the West Bank.
- We continue to work on further departures for Australians requiring assistance to leave the West Bank.
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## Australian Government actions

### What else is the Australian Government doing for Australians caught up in the crisis?

- Australian government officials from DFAT and other agencies have been deployed to the region
  - the DFAT Crisis Centre in Canberra is operating on a 24-hour basis.
- Between 14 October and 20 October eight Australian assisted flights departed from Israel to a regional hub.
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### Is there an update on how many Australians have been caught up in the conflict?

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