

From: Grace Ockwell
To: ["Hamish McNeilly"](#)
Cc: [Kristy Rusher](#)
Subject: RE: Request for documentation on Refugee settlement
Date: Thursday, 8 October 2015 02:04:34 p.m.
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[McNeilly_Hamish LGOIMA Refugee Discussion.pdf](#)

Hi Hamish,

Thank you for your email of 7 September 2015 requesting information relating to Dunedin having a refugee settlement based in the city.

Your request has been considered under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and the information requested is attached.

Information from discussions with the Mayor and the Dunedin City Council (DCC) Chief Executive Officer is included in our response.

Please note the identities and identifying information of some email authors and recipients are withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a) of LGOIMA. The names and contact details of some DCC staff members have also been withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a) of LGOIMA to protect their privacy.

Information in emails dated 9 and 10 September 2015 sent from DCC staff members to the Mayor is withheld pursuant to section 7(f)(i) of LGOIMA. Withholding this information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by ...employees ...in the course of their duty.

As some information has been withheld you have the right pursuant to section 27 of LGOIMA to have our decision reviewed by the Office of the Ombudsman who may be contacted at:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10 152
WELLINGTON 6143

Ph 0800 802 602
www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely,

Grace Ockwell
Governance Support Officer
Civic and Legal

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Telephone: 03 477 4000
Email: grace.ockwell@dcc.govt.nz



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From: Hamish McNeilly [mailto:hamish.mcneilly@fairfaxmedia.co.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 29 September 2015 1:35 p.m.
To: Grace Ockwell
Subject: Re: Request for documentation on Refugee settlement

Sure do

On Tuesday, 29 September 2015, Grace Ockwell <Grace.Ockwell@dcc.govt.nz> wrote:
Hi Hamish,

I am just checking whether you would still require the information about the DCC having a refugee centre in Dunedin which you requested by email on 11 September.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Grace Ockwell
Governance Support Officer
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Vivienne Harvey

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 September 2015 2:22 p.m.
To: Vivienne Harvey; [REDACTED]
Cc: Grace Ockwell
Subject: Official Information Request

Hi

We have received an official information request for all documents (including emails) involving Council's discussions on having a refugee settlement centre based in the city. Could you please check Sue's and Dave's files for any emails or documents.

Thanks

[REDACTED]
Governance Support Officer
Dunedin City Council

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Telephone: [REDACTED] Fax: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]



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Vivienne Harvey

From: Cushla Turner <cushla.turner@odt.co.nz>
Sent: 9 September 2015 1:38 p.m.
To: Vivienne Harvey
Subject: Seeking a response to a letter - [REDACTED]

Hi Vivienne,

I've been asked to refer this letter to Mayor Cull for a response, but I think he is in China at the moment? Are you still able to contact him about this or will we have to wait until he gets back?

Kind regards,
Cushla

AS a former Dunedinite, and with a continuing affinity for Dunedin and an interest in the mental health of refugees, I am delighted with the Government's decision to permit the entry of a significant number of new refugees (often incorrectly labelled as migrants).

Could this be an opportunity for Dunedin/Otago to play a significant part in this re-settlement process? Dunedin has in the past welcomed Middle East refugees who settled successfully in Otago.

I suggest the Dunedin City Council approach the Government with an offer to set up a refugee re-settlement centre, like the existing Mangere centre, with the aim of being a long-term investment. Dunedin population growth of about 1% per year is too low to permit many of the necessary improvements in, for example, healthcare.

Refugees needs can be seen as not just needy persons who need a safe place to live, but an opportunity to enhance Dunedin's stature and add to the cultural/ethnic mix; ie. an investment.

From my experience with refugees, I also believe it important that they are offered entry as families, if they have them. Single refugees, without family support, do badly when they become ill or disabled.

What about it Dunedin?

[REDACTED]
Psychiatrist
Christchurch

Vivienne Harvey

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 9 September 2015 11:04 a.m.
To: Sue Bidrose
Cc: Vivienne Harvey
Subject: Sue Price (Humanitarian Services Manager for Otago & Southland - for NZ Red Cross) rang re Refugees situation and Dunedin

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Hi Sue

Sue Price (Humanitarian Services Manager for Otago & Southland - for NZ Red Cross) rang for Dave a few minutes ago, and I suggested, that in the Mayor's absence, she could update you on what's happening re the Refugees and Dunedin.

Sue advised that NZ Red Cross has the contract to do the resettlement and she wanted to keep you update you on the goings on.

I said that you'd ring her when you have a moment. Her cell phone number is: [REDACTED]

Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: Sue Price [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 September 2015 9:04 a.m.
To: ceo@dcc.govt.nz
Subject: NZ Red Cross Refugee Resettlement Programme

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Hello Sue,

I have provided below some information for you and the Mayor about the Red Cross Refugee Resettlement Programme. This is drawn from our website which has additional information about the programme

<https://www.redcross.org.nz/what-we-do/in-new-zealand/refugee-services/>

Please let me know if either of you have any questions regarding the programme, my contact details are below.

Regards

Sue Price

New Zealand Red Cross is honoured to be the primary provider of refugee resettlement services in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

New Zealand is one of a small number of countries that accept quota refugees referred by the United Nations.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is the international organisation responsible for protecting the world's refugees and seeking durable solutions for them. UNHCR decides which refugees are in the greatest need of resettlement and asks resettlement countries to consider accepting them. The New Zealand Government then makes the final decision about who will be included in the quota.

All refugees accepted by New Zealand under the Refugee Quota Programme complete a six-week orientation programme at the Department of Immigration's Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre before being resettled in five communities around New Zealand. These areas include the following cities:

- Auckland
- Waikato
- Manawatu
- Wellington
- Nelson

The New Zealand Government determines which areas refugees will be resettled based on a number of different factors.

When refugees arrive in their areas of resettlement, they are supported by the NZ Red Cross resettlement programme. This includes qualified social workers, refugee-background case workers, cross cultural workers and trained volunteers who help the refugees understand Kiwi culture, learn to manage systems and ultimately find suitable work. Social workers work with the families to identify complex issues such as parenting in a new environment or addressing trauma, and provide appropriate support and referrals.

All quota refugees are given permanent resident status upon entering New Zealand and are eligible for a range of benefits and supplementary allowances on arrival. They enjoy the same rights as any other New Zealand permanent resident in the areas of education, health, employment and social welfare. After five years, they may apply for New Zealand citizenship.

Resettlement countries, including Australia and New Zealand, also provide resettled refugees with legal and physical protection, including access to civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights similar to those enjoyed by nationals.

Resettlement is a life-changing experience as refugees are often resettled to a country where the society, language and culture are completely different from their own and much is new to them. It is both challenging and rewarding for these individuals. We are here to help them along their journey to resettlement.

Sue Price

**Southern Humanitarian Services Manager
New Zealand Red Cross
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"If further investment is required, and other centres are stretched to accommodate more immigrants, it makes sense to look at Dunedin. We are a regional city with great social infrastructure and a community eager to welcome and support these refugees in need."

Mr Cull said the Dunedin City Council had worked co-operatively in the past with central government on immigrant settlement services, and would be supportive of any efforts to assist Syrian refugees arriving on our shores.

"History shows us that immigrants are a long term benefit to a welcoming community."

A handwritten signature of Dave Cull in black ink.

Dave Cull
Mayor of Dunedin
Phone 027 434 6917

Vivienne Harvey

From: Graham McKerracher
Sent: 11 September 2015 10:57 a.m.
To: Council 2013-2016 (Elected Members)
Cc: Executive Leadership Team (ELT)
Subject: RE: Media statement from the Mayor of Dunedin on refugee centre

Dear Councillors,

I apologise for the lateness of the delivery of the Mayoral Statement last night. I agree with Hilary that you should always receive it first. Our media releases are usually given to you all within a good timeframe and this is clearly a lapse. Last night I thought I had sent the Mayor's statement, but on checking later in the evening I discovered it had not been sent, so I sent it at 11.47pm, which meant that you would not have received the information before the media used the information for news stories.

I will ensure you are kept well informed in the future.

Best regards,
Graham

From: Hilary [<mailto:hcalvert@extra.co.nz>]
Sent: Friday, 11 September 2015 12:12 a.m.
To: Graham McKerracher
Cc: All Elected Members
Subject: Re: Media statement from the Mayor of Dunedin on refugee centre

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Best regards,
Graham
Graham McKerracher
Council Communications and Marketing Manager
Dunedin City Council

50 The Octagon, Dunedin
PO Box 5045, Moray Place, Dunedin 9058, New Zealand



Email: graham.mckerracher@dcc.govt.nz

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From: Graham McKerracher
Sent: 10 September 2015 8:08 p.m.
To: Sue Bidrose; Sandy Graham
Subject: Fwd: Media statement from the Mayor of Dunedin on refugee centre
Attachments: MRx Mayoral request re refugees.docx; ATT00001.htm

Hi Sue and Sandy,

Here is the statement that was sent out. Dave has already received media calls, including one from Ian Telfer.

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Cell: [REDACTED]
Email: graham.mckerracher@dcc.govt.nz

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Vivienne Harvey

From: Lee Vandervis
Sent: 11 September 2015 9:49 a.m.
To: Hilary Calvert; Graham McKerracher; Sue Bidrose; Sandy Graham
Cc: Andrew Noone; Andrew Whiley; Chris Staynes; Doug Hall; Hilary Calvert; John Bezett; Jinty MacTavish; Kate Wilson; Lee Vandervis; mayor@dcc.govt.nz; Mike Lord; Neville Peat; Richard Thomson; samandhenry@xtra.co.nz; Aaron Hawkins
Subject: Re: Media statement from the Mayor of Dunedin on refugee centre

I don't like to get absent Mayoral edicts when we have had no report, no debate and no Democratic decision.

Lee

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Dave Cull
Sent: Tuesday, 22 September 2015 05:47 p.m.
To: Dave Cull
Subject: FW: FYI - courtesy advisory - Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees - Vigil being organised in Dunedin on Friday
Attachments: Mayor Cull Invitation.docx

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2015 12:40 p.m.
To: Dave Cull
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: FYI - courtesy advisory - Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees - Vigil being organised in Dunedin on Friday

Dear Mr Cull,

Further to your email correspondence with [REDACTED] please find attached a formal letter of invitation to have a representative of the DCC speak at the refugee event on Friday. We do hope that the DCC will be able to be represented.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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PO Box 56
Dunedin 9054
New Zealand
Ph. [REDACTED]
Mobile: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, 8 September 2015 12:23 pm
To: Dave Cull <Dave.Cull@dcc.govt.nz>
Cc: [REDACTED], Clare Curran <clare.curran@parliament.govt.nz>, [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FYI - courtesy advisory - Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees - Vigil being organised in Dunedin on Friday

Many thanks, Dave, for your prompt reply.

We will send you a more formal invitation anyway, - and will be very happy to pass on any messages from you on Friday - or we would also welcome one of your colleagues to speak (5 minutes).

At this stage, I believe we should be very careful about raising expectations about Dunedin becoming a resettlement centre.(though I hope that does happen). It's a big step of huge national significance, and I wouldn't want to risk the government feeling ambushed on that one. There have already been discussions over a long time, and, I understand that those discussions are still happening and are positive.

I believe it would be more appropriate and constructive, on Friday, to focus on how Dunedin has a track-record for welcoming refugees already – Polish (1940s), Cambodian and Vietnamese more recently.

Best of luck in China,

Regards,

From: Dave Cull [mailto:Dave.Cull@dcc.govt.nz]

Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2015 12:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: FYI - courtesy advisory - Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees - Vigil being organised in Dunedin on Friday

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm in China until 20th Sept. Please pass on my support for Dunedin offering whatever assistance we can to refugees especially if the govt decides to bring them to our city.

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On 8/09/2015, at 7:46 am, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr Cull,

I'm writing to give you a preliminary heads-up – today we will send you a formal invitation to an event planned for Friday.

Below is the media advisory I sent-out this morning on behalf of the group.

I'll also call your office

Regards,

On behalf of Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2015 9:52 AM

Subject: Media Advisory: Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees - Vigil being organised in Dunedin on Friday

Hello,

On Sunday a group of concerned Dunedin residents met to consider how Dunedin might contribute to the extraordinary refugee crisis in the Middle East, Northern Africa and Europe. As a result ...

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Speakers and information will be available

Further information will be posted on the Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees Facebook page

At this stage we have confirmation that the event will be attended by Clare Curran, David Clark and Metiria Turei, we anticipate that other influential Dunedin people will wish to attend.

I would be extremely grateful if you could raise awareness of the event appropriately through your media outlets.

Thanks,
On behalf of Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: Graham McKerracher
Sent: Thursday, 10 September 2015 12:32 p.m.
To: Dave Cull
Subject: RE: Statement on refugee resettlement

Importance: High

Hi Dave,

You need to talk to Sue Price from Red Cross before we go out with this, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Here are her details. Please get back to me and once you have spoken with her. She has strongly expressed to Sue that a Resettlement centre is only part of the deal, we would have to show that we have adequate housing and job opportunities.

Once you have talked to her, I will get your release out the door. Let me know if you want to modify it after your discussion.
Sue Price

Southern Humanitarian Services Manager
New Zealand Red Cross
Rīpeka Whero Aotearoa

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Best regards,
Graham

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Cull
Sent: Thursday, 10 September 2015 10:10 a.m.
To: Graham McKerracher
Subject: Statement on refugee resettlement

Hi Graham,
Any progress on statement? I will be tied up all day so if you are unable to do it I will draft something now before I start out.
Dave

Sent from my iPad

From:

Clare Curran <clare.curran@labour.org.nz@cmail1.com> on behalf of Clare Curran
<clare.curran@labour.org.nz>

Sent:

Wednesday, 9 September 2015 05:52 p.m.

To:

Dave Cull

Subject:

Dunedin Welcomes Refugees

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Clare Thinking
Clare Curran, MP for Dunedin South


Labour

September 9, 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dunedin Welcomes Refugees Vigil

Friday 11 September

5.15PM The Octagon

Please bring candles or torches

Event information:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/169576253379578/>

Dame Dorothy Fraser Lecture

Delivered by Louise Nicholas ONZM

Monday 28 September

6.45-9.15PM

**King's and Queen's Performing Arts Centre
270 Bay View Rd**

For enquiries, tickets, and payment

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dunedinsouthlecture@gmail.com

Phone:


(03) 455 8561

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Dunedin Welcomes Refugees



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**WELCOMES
REFUGEES**

Candle-lit Vigil to show Dunedin cares for refugees
Where: THE OCTAGON
When: 5.15PM FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH
BYO candle or torch – children please decorate yours in a special way.
There will be speakers and information available.

A group of concerned local residents have come together to organise a vigil in support of Dunedin welcoming refugees to its city.

Events in the Middle East, Northern Africa, and Europe have sparked a major humanitarian crisis. In just over 4 years, half of Syria's 22.4M population is now dead,

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displaced or exiled.

As a nation, we can do something about this. New Zealand is 90th in the world for refugee intake per capita, our intake hasn't changed since 1987.

In response to public pressure, the government said it would increase our refugee intake by opening 600 places as part of a "special emergency intake" above New Zealand's annual refugee quota of 750, and 150 places would be offered within the quota.

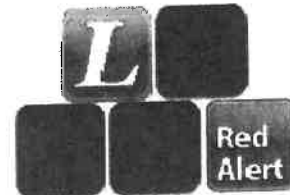
Dunedin is a vibrant city, renowned for its culture, heritage, and altruism. Dunedin has the capacity to take refugees, but needs a plan. I know that Dunedin's generosity of spirit would shine through, and we would welcome any refugees to our city.

As Nelson Mandela said: "Our human compassion binds us to one another, not in pity or patronisingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future".

Please attend the vigil in support of Dunedin Welcomes Refugees this Friday:

**Dunedin Welcomes Refugees
Candle-lit Vigil
Friday 11 September
5.15PM
The Octagon
Please bring a candle**

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The image shows the Labour Party logo, which consists of a stylized white fern leaf above the word 'Labour' in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

[REDACTED]

From:

Sent:

To:

Cc:

Subject:

Tuesday, 8 September 2015 02:38 p.m.

Andrew Noone

Dave Cull

FW: FYI - courtesy advisory - Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees - Vigil being organised in Dunedin on Friday - 5.15pm in the Octagon
Mayor Cull Invitation.docx

Attachments:

Importance:

High

Hi Andrew

This came through today. [REDACTED] isn't available for this, but would you?

As per usual, a yes or a no will suffice so that I can progress.

And please, don't feel you have to if you're already committed!

Hear from you soon.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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Many thanks, Dave, for your prompt reply.

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At this stage, I believe we should be very careful about raising expectations about Dunedin becoming a resettlement centre.(though I hope that does happen). It's a big step of huge national significance, and I wouldn't want to risk the government feeling ambushed on that one. There have already been discussions over a long time, and, I understand that those discussions are still happening and are positive.

I believe it would be more appropriate and constructive, on Friday, to focus on how Dunedin has a track-record for welcoming refugees already - Polish (1940s), Cambodian and Vietnamese more recently.

Best of luck in China,

Regards,

From: Dave Cull [mailto:Dave.Cull@dcc.govt.nz]

Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2015 12:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: FYI - courtesy advisory - Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees - Vigil being organised in Dunedin on Friday

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm in China until 20th Sept. Please pass on my support for Dunedin offering whatever assistance we can to refugees especially if the govt decides to bring them to our city.

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On 8/09/2015, at 7:46 am, [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Cull,

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I'll also call your office

Regards,

On behalf of Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2015 9:52 AM

Subject: Media Advisory: Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees - Vigil being organised in Dunedin on Friday

September 8, 2015

Mr David Cull
Mayor of Dunedin
Dunedin City Council

Dear Mr Cull,

In response to events in The Middle East, Northern Africa and Europe a group of concerned Dunedin residents met on Sunday 6th September to consider how we can take some responsibility for addressing this refugee crisis. We believe that New Zealand, including Dunedin, could and should welcome a significant proportion of genuine refugees and influence a long-term resolution of this appalling humanitarian crisis. We welcome the announcement of an extension of the refugee quota made yesterday by the Prime Minister although we believe that New Zealand can and should extend this further. There have been significant expressions of concern and a willingness to help from churches and from other quarters. The compassion, time, and effort represented in these commitments to help are an invaluable resource that greatly enhances New Zealand's capacity to play its part in responding to the humanitarian crisis.

We believe that the people who met on Sunday constitute only a small proportion of Dunedin people who would like to express their views, and who might wish to contribute to any subsequent activities. A Facebook page begun on Sunday evening has already attracted well in excess of 500 'Likes'. See <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees/946381042093133?sk=timeline>

We propose to invite like-minded or interested people to participate in a peaceful, constructive and solution-focussed gathering on Friday 11th September at 5.15pm in the Octagon.

The objectives of the event are:

1. To show solidarity with the refugees – we invite participants to bring a candle or flashlight
2. To convey the strength of feeling that Dunedin and New Zealand, as a country, should both welcome a fair and proportionate number of refugees, and should demonstrate leadership to influence a long-term resolution of the crisis
3. To provide accurate and objective information related to the situation – this will be achieved by inviting speakers and through written and public media
4. To provide a platform for Dunedin residents to feel confident that their voices are important and can influence this situation
5. To invite more Dunedin residents to participate in future activities of the group

Recognising the important role that the DCC will have in any response to the refugee crisis emanating from Dunedin we would have liked to extend an invitation to you to speak at the vigil on Friday evening. Your earlier email correspondence with [REDACTED] indicates, however, that you are currently in China, so if you are able to appoint someone to speak on your behalf we would welcome that. In particular we would like you to address the theme, 'How Dunedin can help' and to hear of how the DCC might assist in helping us to develop a coordinated and compassionate response to refugees who will be arriving in New Zealand in the coming months. It will no doubt be useful to draw on past experience in helping to settle refugees in Dunedin from Poland, Cambodia, Vietnam and elsewhere.

There will be several speakers at the event. We invite your representative to speak for about five minutes.

Beyond the event on Friday evening, we will welcome the opportunity to meet with you on your return from China in order to discuss further the contribution that Dunedin can make to the resettlement of refugees in New Zealand.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the group

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2015 02:27 p.m.
To: Dave Cull
Subject: FW: Star Questions - responses from Paul to questions 2 and 5

Dave, perhaps, if you have the time, email what you can through.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 7 September 2015 12:14 p.m.
To: dave.cull@dcc.govt.nz
Subject: FW: Star Questions

Hi Dave
Below are [REDACTED] responses to Questions 2 and 5.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 7 September 2015 12:10 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Star Questions

Just making sure it was only 2 and 5 that I had to answer? Graham M has had a look at the wording

2) How many refugees does Dunedin take annually, and overall, where from?

Dunedin does not take any refugees; they all go to refugee centres where they get support to be integrated. They assist migrants with medical, language, financial and social issues.

Once this process is completed they may choose to come to Dunedin to work.

In the 80's the city did support over 2000 Cambodian refugees with the community doing a superb job.

5) Do we have the resources and services to cope with an influx of Dunedin refugees?

Over the past decade Dunedin has explored the possibility of becoming a migrant centre a couple of times. The wider Dunedin community has been open and proactive in the proposals to be the next migrant centre with positive support.

These proposals suggested careful consideration of the issues, coordinated planning and a sensible lead in time of 18 months to two years. For example a considerable strain could be placed on the already stretched health system with an unplanned influx of refugees who might be high users of the health system. This can lead to negativity from locals already in the system. The lead in time would give the health system time to adjust budgets and have the right personnel in place.

Unless central government is prepared to put in extra resources existing services budgets will be stretched with a large immediate influx of refugees.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 7 September 2015 9:49 a.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Star Questions
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]
Could you help the Mayor please and answer questions 2 and 5?
In anticipation, thank you.
[REDACTED]

From: Dave Cull
Sent: Monday, 7 September 2015 9:48 a.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Star Questions

Could you ask someone in [REDACTED] team to find the answers to Questions 2& 5 please?
Dave

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Eleanor Ainge Roy <eleanor.ainge.roy@alliedpress.co.nz>
Date: 7 September 2015 5:45:11 am GMT+8
To: Dave Cull <Dave.Cull@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Star Questions

Hi Dave,

Here we go. If you could have these back by late tomorrow (at latest) would be very helpful.

- 1) John Key has announced perhaps up to 500 Syrian refugees over the next three years - do you think this is enough?
- 2) How many refugees does Dunedin take annually, and overall, where from?
- 3) Given the current crises in Europe, could Dunedin take more? How many annually?
- 4) Would Dunedin's population benefit from a more diverse influx, especially if some are skilled?
- 5) Do we have the resources and services to cope with an influx of Dunedin refugees?

Kind regards,
Eleanor

[REDACTED]

From:

Sent:

To:

Cc:

Subject:

[REDACTED]
Tuesday, 8 September 2015 11:46 a.m.
mayor@dcc.govt.nz
[REDACTED]

FYI - courtesy advisory - Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees - Vigil being organised in Dunedin on Friday

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Regards,

On behalf of Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2015 9:52 AM

Subject: Media Advisory: Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees - Vigil being organised in Dunedin on Friday

Hello,

On Sunday a group of concerned Dunedin residents met to consider how Dunedin might contribute to the extraordinary refugee crisis in the Middle East, Northern Africa and Europe. As a result ...

A group of concerned Dunedin residents is organising a candlelit vigil on Friday at 5:15 at The Octagon to show solidarity with refugees

Children are invited to decorate flashlights/torches (in lieu of candles which would probably blow-out) and bring them to The Octagon

Speakers and information will be available

Further information will be posted on the Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees Facebook page

At this stage we have confirmation that the event will be attended by Clare Curran, David Clark and Metiria Turei, we anticipate that other influential Dunedin people will wish to attend.

I would be extremely grateful if you could raise awareness of the event appropriately through your media outlets.

Thanks,

On behalf of Dunedin-Welcomes-Refugees

[REDACTED]



From:

[REDACTED] on behalf of Celia Wade-Brown <celia.wade-brown@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent:

Friday, 4 September 2015 12:36 p.m.

To:

Celia Wade-Brown

Cc:

Subject:

[REDACTED]
Correction: Final Draft to PM regarding refugee quota

Attachments:

New Zealand Mayors to seek increase in refugee quota 040915.docx (1).docx; Final Draft to PM.doc

Importance:

High

Dear Mayors

Yesterday I sent you a draft of a letter to the Prime Minister seeking an increase in the refugee quota. We have received some feedback and have updated the draft.

The latest version for you to sign is attached.

Also enclosed is a press release announcing the initiative which will be released at noon today.. Mayors are encouraged to make their own statements as appropriate.

Many thanks for your wonderful support thus far.

Celia



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Mayor of Wellington



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News Release

4 September 2015

New Zealand Mayors to seek increase in refugee quota

New Zealand Mayors will be asking Prime Minister John Key to double the quota for refugees.

Wellington Mayor Celia Wade-Brown says many key Mayors have supported a request asking Government to double the refugee quota from 750 to 1500 over the next five years.

Following a presentation by Amnesty International to a meeting of Metro Mayors called by Mayor Wade-Brown at Local Government New Zealand, the Mayors present supported taking more refugees as long as there is appropriate resettlement support.

Mayor Wade-Brown is coordinating the response and says the advantages of diversity for our culture and our economy are good reasons for welcoming people from different countries to our cities.

The letter addressed to the Prime Minister and being circulated to gather signatures from Mayors around New Zealand says, 'our moral duty is to help the human family far away from our relatively peaceful and prosperous country.'

"We are currently doing some research on the impact of increasing the number of refugees across the country and the resources that would be required," says Mayor Wade-Brown.

Mayors including Auckland, Invercargill, Christchurch, Dunedin, Marlborough, Gisborne, Lower Hutt, and Hamilton have indicated their support.

Deputy Mayor Justin Lester has signalled Wellington is willing and able to support an increase of refugees into the Capital.

"I strongly believe that New Zealand should be doing more and the regions are the answer to taking up more of the slack. Currently the Wellington region takes around 250 refugees a year. Wellington is firmly committed to doing its part and helping out," he says.

"I have talked with our housing team and, between Wellington City Council and Housing New Zealand, we are confident we can house more people. We would seek

cross-region and cross-sector support to ensure refugees are housed and supported on an on-going basis," he says..

The Red Cross, Churches, social agencies and large numbers of compassionate Wellingtonians have shown a strong willingness to provide on-going support, which is important to ensure that refugees are welcomed and provided language and training assistance to help integrate them into a new country.

ENDS

For further details please contact:

Cr Justin Lester, tel 801 3113 or 021 247 8312

Warren Inkster, Mayor's Office, 021 650 195

[REDACTED]

From: Eleanor Ainge Roy <eleanor.ainge.roy@alliedpress.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 3 September 2015 04:32 p.m.
To: Dave Cull
Subject: Re: Star article

Hello,

Got heaps of contacts for this so how about I email you some question? If you can have them back to me by Tuesday would be great. Have an enjoyable trip!

Cheers,
Eleanor

On 03/09/2015 4:24 PM, Dave Cull wrote:

Hi Eleanor,

More than happy to help. However as I am off to China tomorrow afternoon, I would either have to respond to written questions by email or squeeze in a quick phone chat tomorrow. Which would suit you and if a phone call – when?
Dave

From: Eleanor Ainge Roy [<mailto:eleanor.ainge.roy@alliedpress.co.nz>]
Sent: Thursday, 3 September 2015 2:38 p.m.
To: mayor@dcc.govt.nz
Subject: Star article

Hi,

My name is Eleanor Ainge Roy and I am a journalist at *The Star* newspaper.

I was writing a story on if Dunedin has the capability and infrastructure to accept more refugees in light of the recent pressure on John Key to increase the annual refugee quota.

Would I be able to have a quick chat with you about this in the next few days?

Kind regards,
Eleanor

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From:

[REDACTED] on behalf of Celia Wade-Brown <celia.wade-brown@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent:

Thursday, 3 September 2015 12:34 p.m.

To:

Celia Wade-Brown

Cc:

Subject:

Draft letter to PM from Mayors re Refugees

Attachments:

Draft for PM.DOC

Dear Mayors

The global issue of refugees is a sad issue that certainly needs changes in the countries of origin. However, while the UN and other agencies, including NZ peacekeeping forces, work hard, there are many displaced people wanting a safe and happy place to live and bring up their families.

At a recent LGNZ Metro Mayors meeting, Amnesty presented to us. The Mayors present were supportive of taking more refugees into our communities as long as there is appropriate resettlement support. Now I'm asking for you to get back to me **BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER**, with an electronic signature so it can be presented to the PM.

If you have any detailed enquiries, please contact Michelle Blau from Amnesty International, as cc'd above.

Warm regards

Celia



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From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

[REDACTED]
Wednesday, 5 August 2015 05:58 p.m.

Monique Elleboode; mayor@dcc.govt.nz; Dave Cull

RE: Meeting on 24 July 2015 cancelled - regarding refugee resettlement matters

Kia Ora Dave

Just an update – I met with [REDACTED] and co regarding the Refugee Centre discussion which included members of the Dunedin Migrant Sector Partners group as well Richard Whitney (Red Cross).

Meeting enabled those present to get on the same page and get a historical overview of what has happened in the past PLUS an update from Red Cross as to the lay of the land in terms of the work they have doing around refugees since 2012.

In short, most of the key stakeholders were involved but some key people still to be included.

In general – there is definite support to continue having the discussion BUT also a good understanding NOW that there is a lot of work to do and OTHER discussions to have if Dunedin was to have a Refugee Centre.

And to note that Michael Woodhouse (as Minister of Immigration) is a familiar figure to the parish that initiated the meeting – there was support from todays meeting to perhaps have an informal meeting with the Minister about the “plan” and get some insight from him around the issues and possibilities.

Another meeting is scheduled to happen within the next month.

Will keep you in the loop – to note: the last time this discussion was had which included the Mayors Office was in 2007 which included a letter of support for the from Peter Chin.

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 23 July 2015 8:24 a.m.

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: mayor@dcc.govt.nz

Subject: RE: Meeting on 24 July 2015 cancelled - regarding refugee resettlement matters

Dea [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Mayor, thank you for your email. I have cancelled your meeting with the Mayor for this coming Friday.

The DCC Staff Member is [REDACTED] contact details are: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I note that [REDACTED] is on leave for now, returning on Monday 3 August, so will be able to respond to your email then.

We look forward to hearing from you again at a later date.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Personal Assistant to the Mayor of Dunedin
Dunedin City Council

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Telephone: [REDACTED] Fax: 03 474 3594
Email: [REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 22 July 2015 5:48 p.m.

To: mayor@dcc.govt.nz

Subject: Re:Meeting planned for 24 July 2015 at 11:30am regarding refugee resettlement matters

Dear Mr Cull,

Thank you for your email and for the suggestion that, rather than meeting with you, in the first instance, it may be a better starting point to meet with the Dunedin Migrant Sector Partners Group.

It was always our intention to meet with all the Dunedin groups who have been working hard, for a long period of time, with refugees and associated refugee matters, so that we can understand what the groups are doing and so that we can work collaboratively with them.

It would be helpful if we could please have the contact details for the DCC staff member who currently attends the DMSP group meetings. That way we could arrange, with the staff member, to meet with the DMSP group.

In light of your email, we will cancel our Friday meeting with you and we look forward to meeting with the DMSP group and then, hopefully, meeting with you at a later date.

Thank you for assistance to date.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

(on behalf of the group which had planned to meet with you on Friday)

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 4 August 2015 10:53 a.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: mayor@dcc.govt.nz
Subject: RE: Office of Ethnic Communities - Meeting with the Mayor and Michael Laufiso on Thursday 20 August at 10am - Mayor's Office, Civic Centre Building

Thank you Andrew for your email.

Noted and will be placed before the Mayor.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 20 August at 10am, in the Mayor's Office, in the Civic Centre Building.

[REDACTED] has confirmed he will attend this meeting.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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Telephone: [REDACTED] Fax: 03 474 3594

Email: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 4 August 2015 9:15 a.m.
To: 'mayor@dcc.govt.nz'
Subject: Office of Ethnic Communities

Kia ora [REDACTED]

As discussed, I am representing the Office of Ethnic Communities. My role is to map out the major grassroots umbrella organisations in the South Island that cater their services to meet the needs of migrant and refugees groups. We are looking to understand what they currently do, what areas they cover, and how the department can add value. As part of this brief, we would like to understand what role the Council see themselves as having in this space and how/if we can add value to this. We would also like to understand more about the relationships with any sister city(s) which may be happening and the impact this has locally.

Thanks for arranging a time for me to meet with Mayor Dave Cull and Michael Laufiso. Much appreciated.

Kind regards
Andrew

[REDACTED] | Settling In South Island - Contractor

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