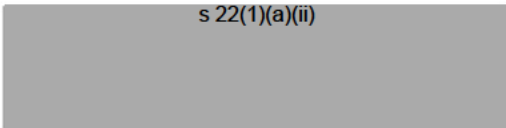


ADDITION TO THE NATIONHOOD MATERIAL PROGRAM – PORTRAIT OF THE KING

Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, we recommend you:

- 1. Sign the letter to Senator the Hon Don Farrell, the Special Minister of State, recommending that the official Australian portrait of His Majesty The King be approved for distribution to constituents through the Nationhood Material Program (Attachment A).

Signed / Not Signed



PATRICK GORMAN

Date: 06/07/2023

Comments:

Nice work. Good to be ready. LOTS of interest.

KEY POINTS

- 1. The Australian Government is awaiting receipt of an official Australian portrait of His Majesty The King from Buckingham Palace. When available, it would be appropriate to continue the practice of making The Sovereign’s portrait available to the public through the Nationhood Material Program, as done previously for the portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
- 2. There has been a large number of requests from the public for The King’s portrait in the lead up to and following the Coronation. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has not been provided a timeframe for the receipt of the official portrait.
- 3. The Department of Finance has recommended that the approval of the official portrait for distribution through the Nationhood Material Program be in place prior to the receipt of the portrait. This would assist in minimising any further delays in the portrait being made available to the public.
- 4. The letter to the Senator the Hon Don Farrell, the Special Minister of State (Minister Farrell), seeks his agreement to include the official Australian portrait of The King in the Nationhood Material Program in advance of its receipt from Buckingham Palace (Attachment A).
- 5. Following approval, the Department of Finance will make the appropriate arrangements to have the portrait available for Parliamentarians to order, and will update the relevant guidance material on the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services website.
 - a. The letter provides a contact point within PM&C to assist in those arrangements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- 1. The Nationhood Material Program is administered by the Department of Finance. It enables Senators and Members of Parliament to purchase items including flags, national symbols posters, national anthem CDs/DVDs/USBs, and official portraits of the Royal Family, for presentation to constituents or organisations, for the purposes of conducting parliamentary business.

Risks and Sensitivities

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Consultation

PM&C DIVISIONS – Nil

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ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A LETTER TO THE SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE



THE HON PATRICK GORMAN MP
ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Reference: MS23-000545

Senator the Hon Don Farrell
Special Minister of State
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister *Don*

I am writing to recommend you agree to include the official Australian portrait of His Majesty The King in the Nationhood Material Program (the Program), for presentation to constituents and organisations.

The Australian Government is yet to receive an official Australian portrait of The King in his Australian regalia and Buckingham Palace has not provided a timeframe for its receipt. However, it would be appropriate to have approvals in place ahead of its receipt, to avoid unnecessary delay in providing the resource to the public.

The relevant contact within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to finalise arrangements once the official portrait is received from Buckingham Palace is ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} [redacted] who can be contacted by phone on ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} [redacted] or email at ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} [redacted]

Yours sincerely

^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} [redacted]

PATRICK GORMAN

06 / 07 / 2023