From:

Sent: Sunday, 8 October 2023 6:54 AM **To:** s 22 s 22

Cc: Collingburn, Ash; International - Middle East Africa and Multilateral Issues

Subject: Fwd: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict - v1

[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Dear s 22 and s 22

Here are DFAT's TPs on the rocket attacks in Israel.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: DFAT Talking Points < s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>

Date: 8 October 2023 at 6:10:20 am AEDT

To: International < s 47E(d) @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict -

v1 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] Reply-To: do-not-reply@dfat.gov.au

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories

Conflict

Version Date: 8/10/2023 Reason for Update: New talking points

Version: 1 **Expiry:** 7/01/2024

Talking Points

Headline messages

 Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas including indiscriminate rocket fire on cities and civilians

- o including indiscriminate rocket fire on cities and civilians, ground incursions and the taking of hostages.
- We call for these attacks to stop and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia urges the exercise of restraint and protection of civilian lives.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured in these attacks and all others affected
 - o critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation

s S	33(a)(iii)

From: \$ 22

Sent: Sunday, 8 October 2023 5:14 PM **To:** \$ 22 ; \$ 22

Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; International - Middle East Africa

and Multilateral Issues

Subject: FW: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict - v2

[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Dear s 22 and s 22

Here are DFAT's updated TPs.

Kind regards, s 22

s 22 | Senior Adviser

Middle East, Africa and Multilateral Policy | International Division

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

p. s 22 | m. s 22 | e. s 22 <u>@pmc.gov.au</u>

From: DFAT Talking Points < \$47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Sunday, 8 October 2023 5:09 PM

To: International < s 47E(d) @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict - v2 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories

Conflict

Version Date: 8/10/2023 **Reason for Update:** New information

Version: 2 Expiry: 7/01/2024

Talking Points

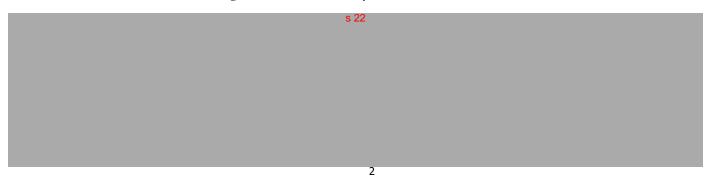
Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas including
 - o including indiscriminate rocket fire on cities and civilians, ground incursions *and attacks on Israeli towns*, and the taking of hostages.
- We call for these attacks to stop and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia urges the exercise of restraint and protection of civilian lives.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected

0	critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
	S ZZ

What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- Aware of reports that humanitarian conditions in Gaza are deteriorating
 - o we are monitoring the situation closely.



From: s 22 < s 22 @pmc.gov.au>

Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash

Subject: FW: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict - v3

[SEC=PROTECTED, ACCESS=Personal-Privacy]

PROTECTED Personal privacy

Dear s 22 and s 22

See DFAT's updated TPs below.



We will keep you updated.

Kind regards,

s 22

s 22 | Senior Adviser

Middle East, Africa and Multilateral Policy | International Division

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

p. s 22 | m. s 22 | e. s 22 @pmc.gov.au

From: DFAT Talking Points < \$47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Sunday, 8 October 2023 8:55 PM

To: International < s 47E(d) @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict - v3 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC

Subject: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories

Conflict

Version Date: 8/10/2023 Reason for Update: New information

Expiry: 7/01/2024 Version: 3

Talking Points

Headline messages

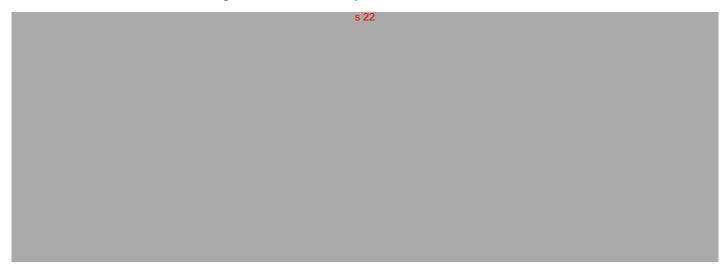
- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
 - including indiscriminate rocket fire on cities and civilians, ground incursions and attacks on Israeli towns, and the taking of hostages.

Originating Division: MAD

- We call for these attacks to stop and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia urges the exercise of restraint and protection of civilian lives.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.

What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- Aware of reports that humanitarian conditions in Gaza are deteriorating
 - o we are monitoring the situation closely.



s 33(a)(iii)

From: Chittick, Craig < Craig. Chittick@pmc.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 9 October 2023 6:03 AM

< s 22 @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: Fwd: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict - v4 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Latest TPs.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: DFAT Talking Points < \$\frac{\sqrt{47E(d)}}{\omega} \omegadfat.gov.au >

Date: 9 October 2023 at 5:48:37 am AEDT

To: International < safety (a) @pmc.gov.au >

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict -

v4 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] Reply-To: do-not-reply@dfat.gov.au

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories

Conflict

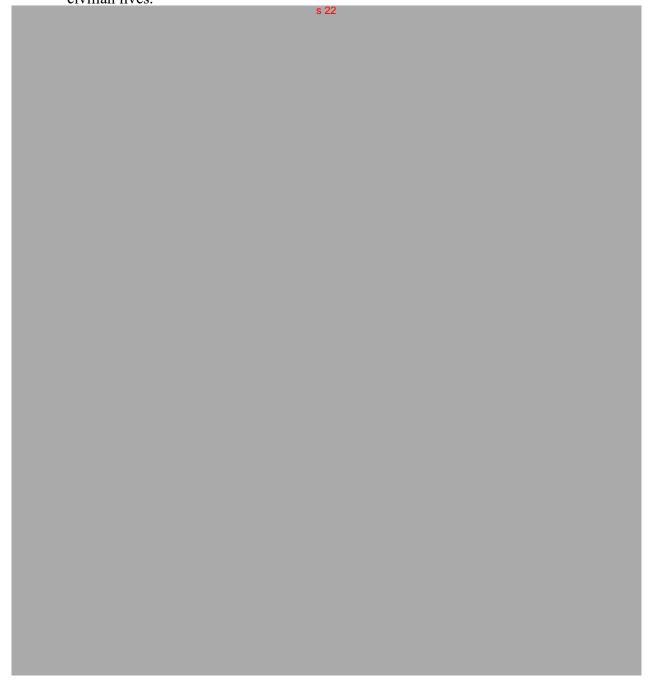
Version Date: 9/10/2023 **Reason for Update:** New information

Version: 4 **Expiry:** 7/01/2024

Talking Points

Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
 - o including indiscriminate rocket fire on cities and civilians, ground incursions and attacks on Israeli towns, and the taking of hostages.
- We call for these attacks to stop and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - o critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- As fighting continues, Australia urges the exercise of restraint and protection of civilian lives.



What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- Aware of reports that humanitarian conditions in Gaza are deteriorating
 - o we are monitoring the situation closely.

From: Chittick, Craig < Craig. Chittick@pmc.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 9 October 2023 6:07 AM

< s 22 @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: Fwd: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict - v5 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

And a further updated set of TPs as of 6.01am.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: DFAT Talking Points < \$\frac{\sqrt{47E(d)}}{\omega} \omegadfat.gov.au >

Date: 9 October 2023 at 6:01:39 am AEDT

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict -

v5 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] Reply-To: do-not-reply@dfat.gov.au

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories

Conflict

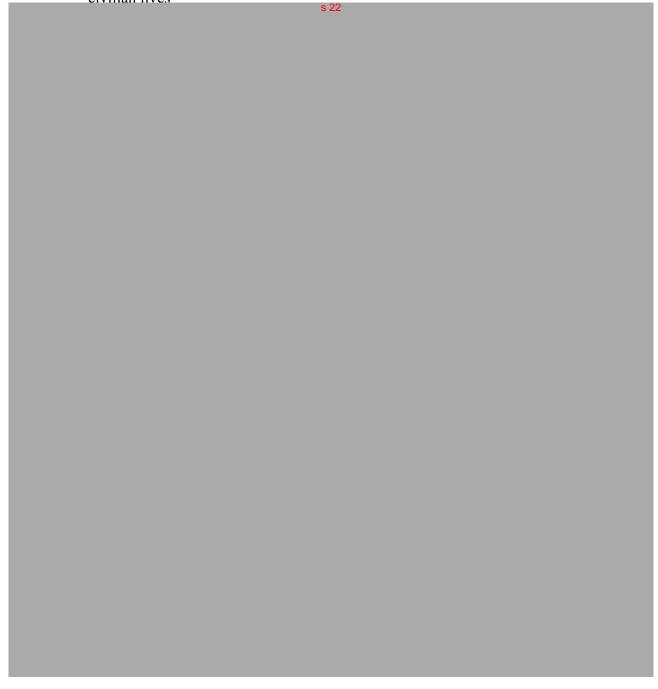
Version Date: 9/10/2023 **Reason for Update:** New information

Version: 5 **Expiry:** 7/01/2024

Talking Points

Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
 - o including indiscriminate rocket fire on cities and civilians, ground incursions and attacks on Israeli towns, and the taking of hostages.
- We call for these attacks to stop and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We also call for the immediate and unconditional release of all those taken hostage.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - o critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- As fighting continues, Australia urges the exercise of restraint and protection of civilian lives



What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

• Aware of reports that humanitarian conditions in Gaza are deteriorating

s 22
s 33(a)(iii)

we are monitoring the situation closely.

From: Collingburn, Ash

Sent: Monday, 9 October 2023 7:35 PM

Cc: ; Chittick, Craig; International - Middle East Africa

and Multilateral Issues

Subject: FW: ISRAEL AND HAMAS CONFLICT: DFAT SITREP v5 and Talking Points v6

[SEC=PROTECTED]

Attachments: MTPs Israel-OPTs Conflict - Monday 9 October 2023 V6 as at 530pm .docx; Israel

and the Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict - SITREP v5 1700 09 Oct 23.docx

s 22 and s 22

Latest SITREP attached.

I provided this version (V6) of the TPs earlier.

Regards, Ash

Ash Collingburn | Assistant Secretary, Global Interests Branch

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

p. s 22 | m. s 22

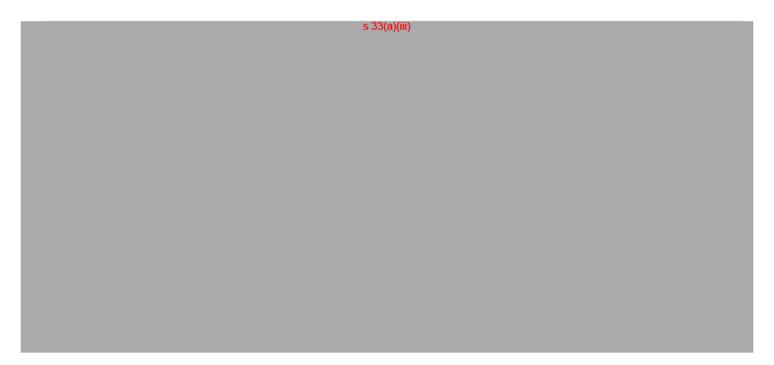
Ngunnawal Country, One National Circuit Barton ACT 2600 | PO Box 6500 CANBERRA ACT 2600

e. ashley.collingburn@pmc.gov.au w. pmc.gov.au





The Department acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and emerging Elders and Traditional Custodians of Country, and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Last updated: 1/03/2024 9:12 AM

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Originating Division: MAD

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC

Subject: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories

Conflict

Version Date: 9/10/2023 Reason for Update: New

information

Version: 6 **Expiry:** 7/01/2024

Talking Points

Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
 - o including indiscriminate rocket fire, the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages
 - o these are distressing and egregious acts and Hamas bears the responsibility.
- We call for these attacks to stop and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We also call for the immediate and unconditional release of all those taken hostage.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - o critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- As fighting continues, Australia urges all parties to exercise restraint and to protect civilian lives.

s 22

s 22

What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

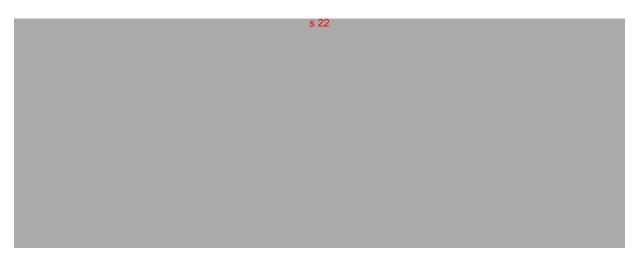
- Aware of reports that humanitarian conditions in Gaza are deteriorating
 - o we are monitoring the situation closely.

s 22

§ 2Z
Will Australia follow the US and provide military support to Israel?
• Australia has not received a request for support from Israel.
Will Parliament House be lit up in Israel's colours?
• This is a matter for the presiding officers.
\$ 22
s 33(a)(iii)



At a press conference on 9 October, Foreign Minister Wong reiterated her comments (made on Saturday night) unequivocally condemning the attack on Israel by Hamas and calling for all hostages to be released. Foreign Minister Wong confirmed she had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and support for Israel's right to defend itself. Prime Minister Albanese also addressed media on 9 October, again condemning the attacks.



From: \$ 22

Sent: Monday, 9 October 2023 9:30 PM

Cc: Dewar, Scott; Collingburn, Ash; Chittick, Craig; International - Middle East Africa

and Multilateral Issues

Subject: Fwd: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict - v7

[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Dear s 22, s 22 and s 22

Please see updated TPs from DFAT.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: DFAT Talking Points < \$47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>

Date: 9 October 2023 at 9:27:40 pm AEDT

To: International < s 47E(d) @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict -

v7 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] Reply-To: do-not-reply@dfat.gov.au

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories

Conflict

Version: 7

Reason for Update: New information and

travel advice update

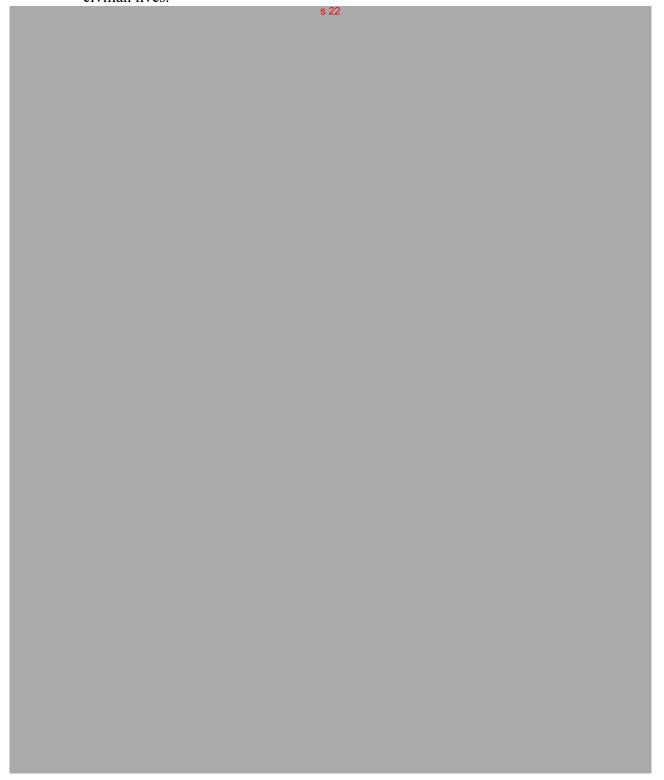
Expiry: 7/01/2024

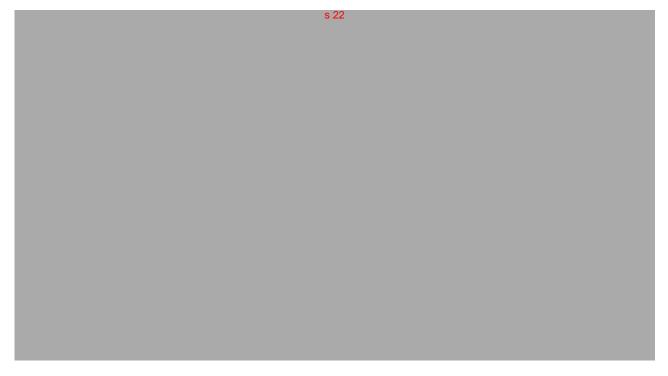
Talking Points

Version Date: 9/10/2023

Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
 - including indiscriminate rocket fire, the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages
 - o these are distressing and egregious acts and Hamas bears the responsibility.
- We call for these attacks to stop and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We also call for the immediate and unconditional release of all those taken hostage.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - o critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- As fighting continues, Australia urges all parties to exercise restraint and to protect civilian lives.





If raised: are we speaking with other states to urge other regional actors to refrain from getting involved?

- We are engaging a range of like-minded partners and Middle Eastern countries to express our condemnation of these attacks
 - o and to urge them to use their influence to ensure other actors don't get involved and to urge Hamas to release the hostages.

What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- Aware of reports that humanitarian conditions in Gaza are deteriorating
 - o we are monitoring the situation closely.

s 22

Will Australia follow the US and provide military support to Israel?

• Australia has not received a request for support from Israel.

Will Parliament House be lit up in Israel's colours?

• This is a matter for the presiding officers.

s 22

At a press conference on 9 October, Foreign Minister Wong reiterated her comments (made on Saturday night) unequivocally condemning the attack on Israel by Hamas and calling for all hostages to be released. Foreign Minister Wong confirmed she had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and support for Israel's right to defend itself. Prime Minister Albanese also addressed media on 9 October, again condemning the attacks.

\$ 22	
s 22	

From:

Sent: Monday, 9 October 2023 11:21 PM

Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; International - Middle East Africa

and Multilateral Issues

Subject: Fwd: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict - v8

[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Dear s 22 , s 22 and s 22

See DFAT's updated TPs below.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: DFAT Talking Points < \$47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>

Date: 9 October 2023 at 11:12:41 pm AEDT

To: International < s 47E(d) @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict -

v8 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Reply-To: do-not-reply@dfat.gov.au

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories

Conflict

Version Date: 9/10/2023 Reason for Update: New information and

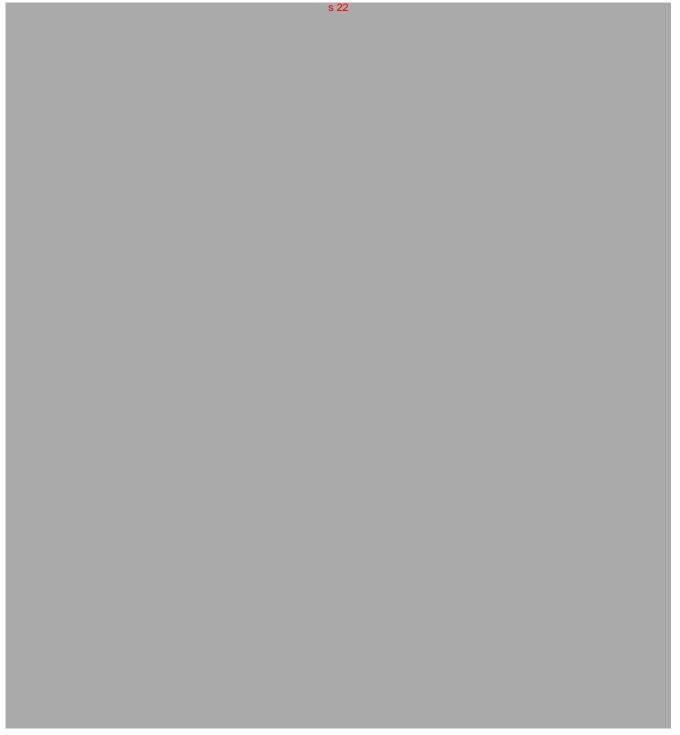
Version: 8 travel advice update

Expiry: 7/01/2024

Talking Points

Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
- including indiscriminate rocket fire, the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages
- these are distressing and egregious acts and Hamas bears the responsibility.
- We call for these attacks to stop and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We also call for the immediate and unconditional release of all those taken hostage.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
- critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- As fighting continues, Australia urges all parties to exercise restraint and to protect civilian lives.



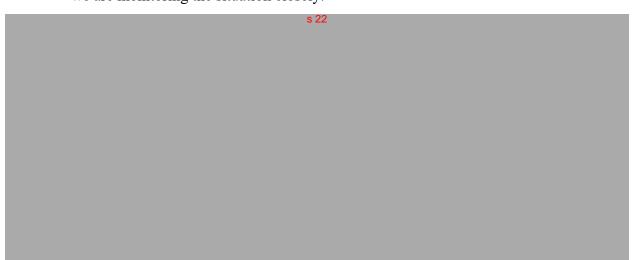


If raised: are we speaking with other states to urge other regional actors to refrain from getting involved?

- We are engaging a range of like-minded partners and Middle Eastern countries to express our condemnation of these attacks
- and to urge them to use their influence to ensure other actors don't get involved and to urge Hamas to release the hostages.

What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- Aware of reports that humanitarian conditions in Gaza are deteriorating
- we are monitoring the situation closely.



Will Australia follow the US and provide military support to Israel?

• Australia has not received a request for support from Israel.

Will Parliament House be lit up in Israel's colours?

• This is a matter for the presiding officers.



At a press conference on 9 October, Foreign Minister Wong reiterated her comments (made on Saturday night) unequivocally condemning the attack on Israel by Hamas and calling for all hostages to be released. Foreign Minister Wong confirmed she had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and support for Israel's right to defend itself. Prime Minister Albanese also addressed media on 9 October, again condemning the attacks.

\$ 22

\$ 22

Sent: Tuesday, 10 October 2023 6:04 AM

Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; International - Middle East Africa

and Multilateral Issues

Subject: Fwd: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict V9

[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Attachments: image001.gif; image002.png; DFAT Talking Points - Israel-Hamas Conflict V9.docx

Dear s 22 , s 22 , s 22 and s 22

See DFAT's updated TPs below.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Global Watch Office < \$47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>

Date: 10 October 2023 at 6:01:42 am AEDT

To: International - Middle East Africa and Multilateral Issues < \$ 47E(d) @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories Conflict V9

[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Warning: DKIM Failure. Email authenticity verification failed

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Occupied Palestinian

Territories Conflict

Version Date: 10/10/2023

Reason for Update: New information and

travel advice update

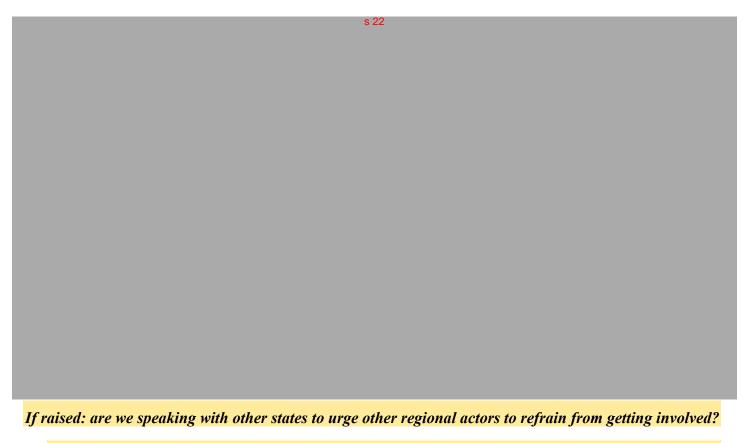
Expiry: 7/01/2024

Talking Points

Headline messages

- 1. Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
 - 1. including indiscriminate rocket fire, the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages
 - 2. these are distressing and egregious acts and Hamas bears the responsibility.
- 2. We recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- 3. We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all those taken hostage.
- 4. Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - 3. critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- 5. As fighting continues, Australia urges all parties to exercise restraint and to protect civilian lives.

s 22



- 19. We are engaging a range of like-minded partners and Middle Eastern countries to express our condemnation of these attacks
 - 1. and to urge them to use their influence to ensure other actors don't get involved and to urge Hamas to release the hostages.

What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- 20. Aware of reports that humanitarian conditions in Gaza are deteriorating
 - 1. we are monitoring the situation closely.

\$ 22

s 22
277
Will Australia follow the US and provide military support to Israel?
28. Australia has not received a request for support from Israel.
Will Parliament House be lit up in Israel's colours?
29. This is a matter for the presiding officers.
s 22
s 33(a)(iii)

s 33(a)(iii)
At a press conference on 9 October, Foreign Minister Wong reiterated her comments (made on Saturday night) unequivocally condemning the attack on Israel by Hamas and calling for all hostages to be released. Foreign Minister Wong confirmed she had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and support for Israel's right to defend itself. Prime Minister Albanese also addressed media on 9 October, again condemning the attacks.
s 22
s 33(a)(iii)
s 22

From:

Sent: Tuesday, 10 October 2023 12:56 PM

Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; International - Middle East Africa

and Multilateral Issues

Subject: Fwd: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v10

[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi $^{s 22}$, $^{s 22}$, $^{s 22}$ and $^{s 22}$

Here are DFAT's updated TPs following the latest sitrep.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: DFAT Talking Points < \$\frac{\sqrt{47E(d)}}{\omega} \text{@dfat.gov.au} >

Date: 10 October 2023 at 12:41:43 pm AEDT

To: International < s 47E(d) @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v10

[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Reply-To: do-not-reply@dfat.gov.au

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Hamas Conflict

Version Date: 10/10/2023 Reason for Update: New information

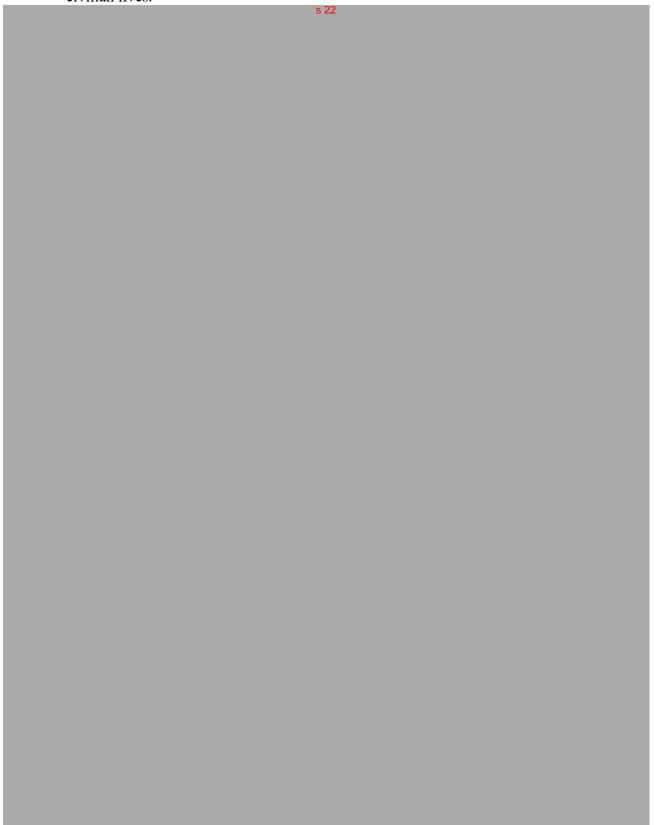
Version: 10 **Expiry:** 7/01/2024

Talking Points

Headline messages

• Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas

- including indiscriminate rocket fire, the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages
- o these are distressing and egregious acts and Hamas bears the responsibility.
- We recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We also call for the immediate and unconditional release of all those taken hostage.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - o critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- As fighting continues, Australia urges all parties to exercise restraint and to protect civilian lives.





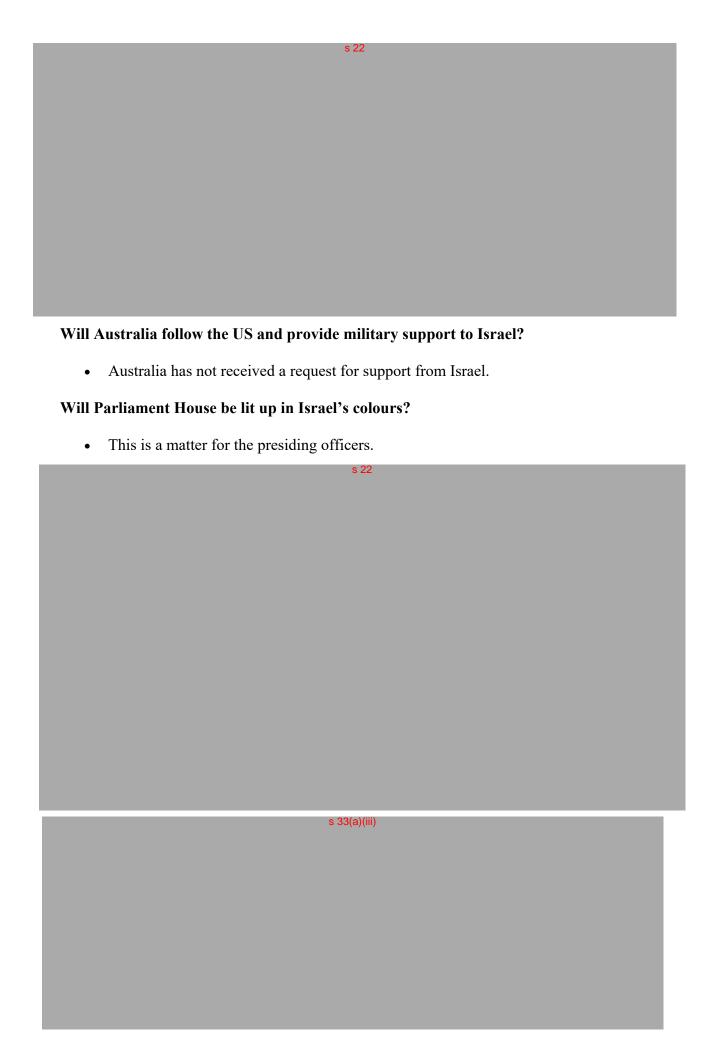
If raised: are we speaking with other states to urge other regional actors to refrain from getting involved?

- We are engaging a range of like-minded partners and Middle Eastern countries to express our condemnation of these attacks
 - o and to urge them to use their influence to ensure other actors don't get involved and to urge Hamas to release the hostages.

What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- Aware of reports that humanitarian conditions in Gaza are deteriorating
 - o we are monitoring the situation closely.







At a press conference on 9 October, Foreign Minister Wong reiterated her comments (made on Saturday night) unequivocally condemning the attack on Israel by Hamas and calling for all hostages to be released. Foreign Minister Wong confirmed she had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and support for Israel's right to defend itself. Prime Minister Albanese also addressed media on 9 October, again condemning the attacks.



\$ 22

Document 11

From:

Sent: Tuesday, 10 October 2023 8:53 PM

To: \$ 22 \$ 22 \$ 22

Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; International - Middle East Africa

and Multilateral Issues

Subject: FW: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v11 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Dear s 22 , s 22 , and s 22

See DFAT's updated TPs below.

s 22

Kind regards, s 22

From: DFAT Talking Points < \$47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 10 October 2023 8:45 PM

To: International < s 47E(d) @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v11 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Hamas Conflict

Version Date: 10/10/2023 **Reason for Update:** New information

Version: 11 **Expiry:** 7/01/2024

Talking Points

Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
 - o including indiscriminate rocket fire, the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages
 - o these are distressing and egregious acts and Hamas bears the responsibility.
- We recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all those taken hostage.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - o critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- As fighting continues, Australia urges all parties to exercise restraint and to protect civilian lives.

If raised: are we speaking with other states to urge other regional actors to refrain from getting involved?

- We are engaging a range of like-minded partners and Middle Eastern countries to express our condemnation of these attacks
 - o and to urge them to use their influence to ensure other actors don't get involved and to urge Hamas to release the hostages.

- Aware of reports that humanitarian conditions in Gaza are deteriorating
 - o we are monitoring the situation closely.

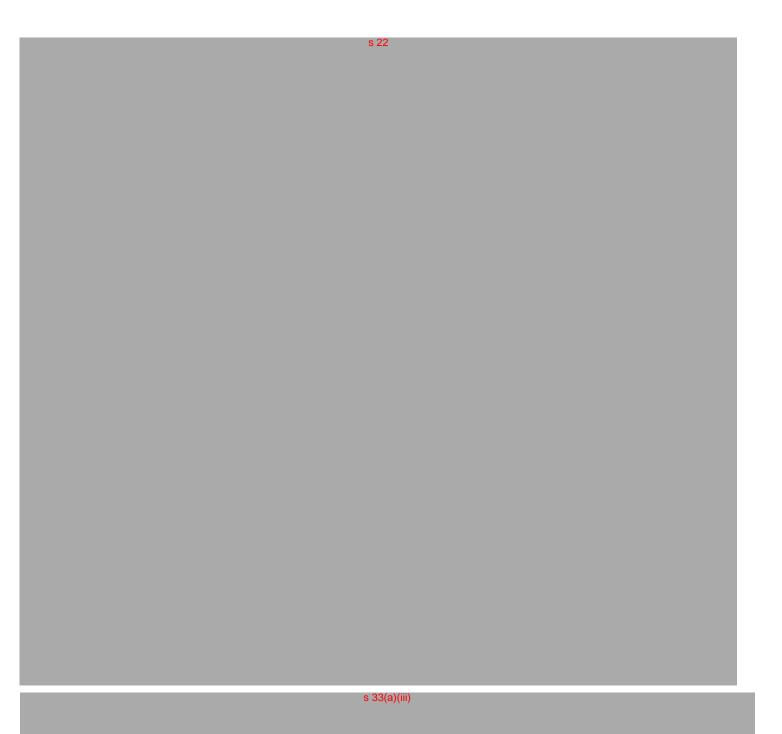


Will Australia follow the US and provide military support to Israel?

• Australia has not received a request for support from Israel.

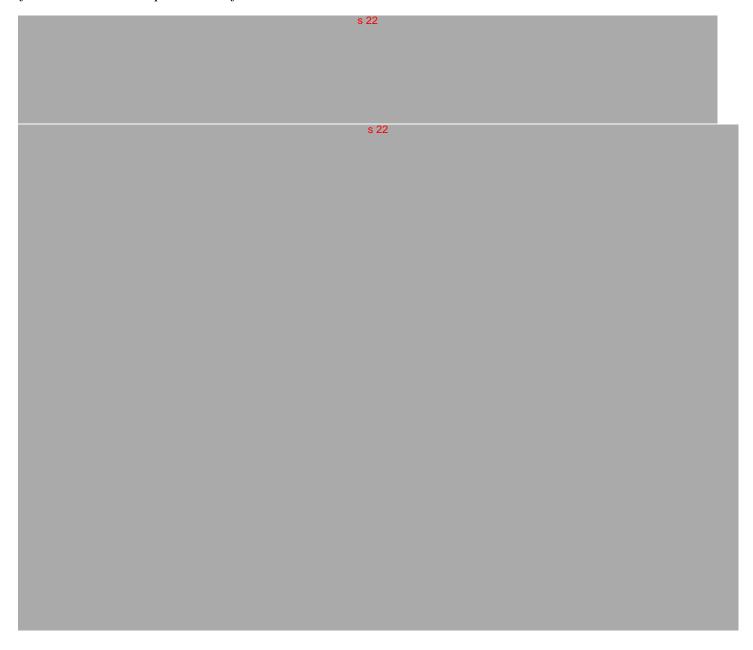
Will Parliament House be lit up in Israel's colours?

• This is a matter for the presiding officers.





At a press conference on 9 October, Foreign Minister Wong reiterated her comments (made on Saturday night) unequivocally condemning the attack on Israel by Hamas and calling for all hostages to be released. Foreign Minister Wong confirmed she had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and support for Israel's right to defend itself. Prime Minister Albanese also addressed media on 9 October, again condemning the attacks. On 10 October, Prime Minister Albanese said called the attack an atrocity; and Foreign Minister Wong reiterated that the attack was abhorrent and call for restraint and the protection of civilian lives.



From: \$ 22 < \$ 22 @pmc.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 11 October 2023 5:56 AM

To: \$ 22 ; \$ 22 ; \$ 22

Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; International - Middle East Africa

and Multilateral Issues

Subject: Fwd: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v12

[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Dear s 22 , s 22 , s 22 and s 22

Please see DFAT's updated TPs below.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: DFAT Talking Points < \$\frac{\sqrt{47E(d)}}{\omega} \text{@dfat.gov.au} >

Date: 11 October 2023 at 5:49:47 am AEDT

To: International < s 47E(d) @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v12

[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Reply-To: do-not-reply@dfat.gov.au

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Hamas Conflict

Version Date: 11/10/2023 Reason for Update: New information

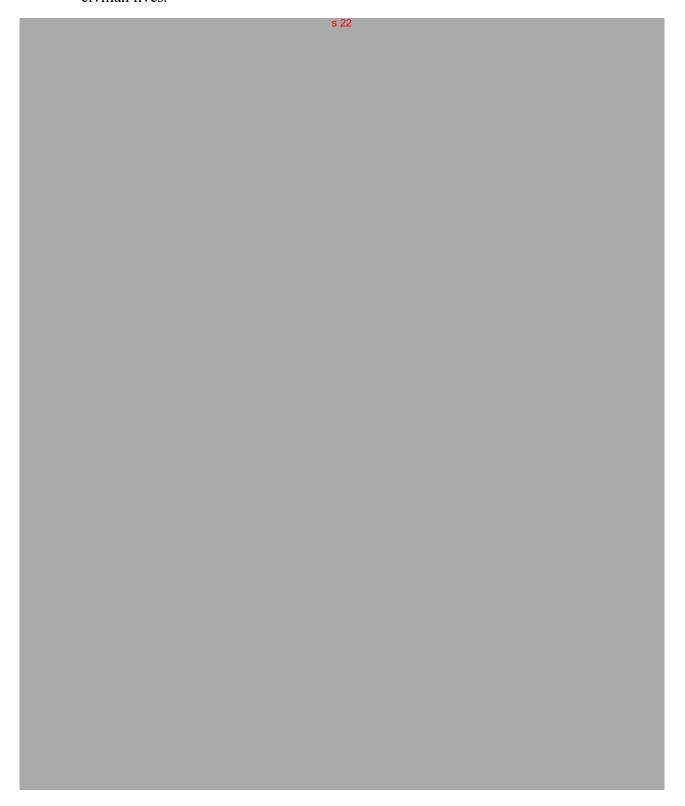
Version: 12 **Expiry:** 7/01/2024

Talking Points

Talking Points

Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
 - o including indiscriminate rocket fire, the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages
 - o these are distressing and egregious acts and Hamas bears the responsibility.
- We recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - o critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- As fighting continues, Australia urges all parties to exercise restraint and to protect civilian lives.





What diplomacy is the Australian Government undertaking?

- Australia is engaging with countries in the Middle East and beyond, at all levels.
- Foreign Minister Wong spoke to Israeli Foreign Minister on 8 October, the Jordanian Foreign Minister on 9 October, and the Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister on 10 October regarding the situation.
- We are also reaching out to a number of other partners, including governments with influence in the region.

If raised: are we speaking with other states to urge other regional actors to refrain from getting involved?

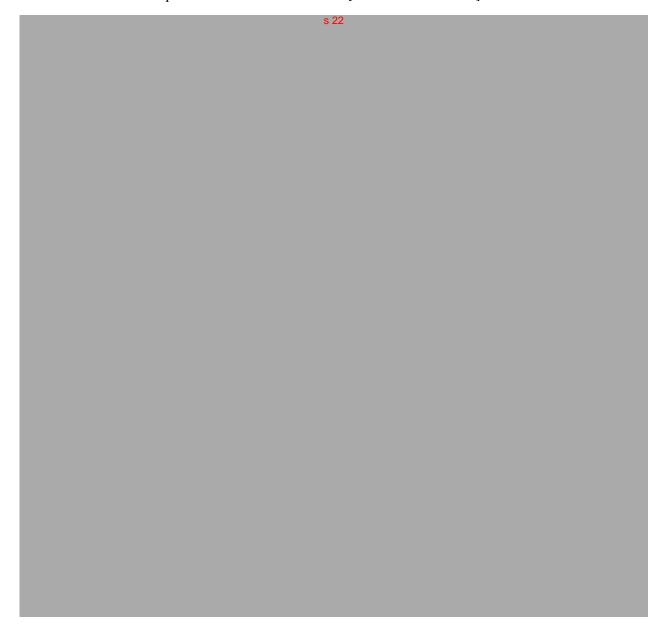
- We are engaging a range of like-minded partners and Middle Eastern countries to express our condemnation of these attacks
 - o and to urge them to use their influence to ensure other actors don't get involved and to urge Hamas to release the hostages.

What is Australia's view of the legality of Israel's military response?

- This was a shocking attack on Israel and we have recognised Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilian lives and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- Not helpful to get into legal commentary but, in every conflict, Australia calls on the parties to respect international law.
- We are aware the humanitarian situation in Gaza is deteriorating and are monitoring developments closely
- Australia already supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24]
 - we are discussing the evolving situation in Gaza with humanitarian agencies as they assess humanitarian needs, funding requirements and develop and roll out their response plans.

What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

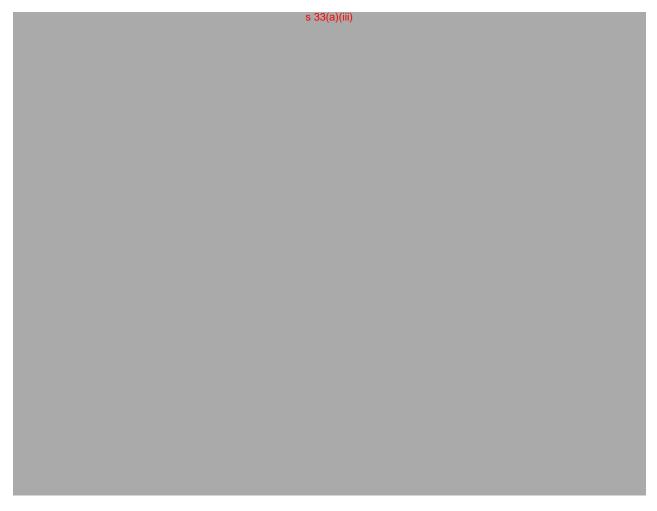
- We are actively monitoring the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza
 - o and consulting with humanitarian agencies as they assess funding requirements, and develop and roll out their response plans.
- Australia supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24]



Will Australia follow the US and provide military support to Israel?

• Australia has not received a request for support from Israel.

s 22



At a press conferences and interviews on 9 and 10 October, Foreign Minister Wong condemned the attack on Israel by Hamas and called for all hostages to be released. Foreign Minister Wong confirmed she had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and support for Israel's right to defend itself. Prime Minister Albanese also addressed media on 9 and 10 October, condemning the attacks.

s 22

Document 13

From: \$ 22 < \$ 22 @pmc.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 11 October 2023 9:42 PM

To: \$ 22 ; \$ 22 ; \$ 22 ;

Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; Smyth, Gemma; International -

Middle East Africa and Multilateral Issues

Subject: FW: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v13 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi ^{s 22} , ^{s 22} , ^{s 22} and ^{s 22}

Here are DFAT's updated TPs. I'll send through the sitrep next.

Kind regards, s 22

| Senior Adviser

Middle East, Africa and Multilateral Policy | International Division

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

p. \$ 22 | m. \$ 22 | e. \$ 22 @pmc.gov.au

From: DFAT Talking Points < \$47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 11 October 2023 9:25 PM

To: International < s 47E(d) @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v13 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Hamas Conflict

Version Date: 11/10/2023 Reason for Update: New information and

assisted departures announcement

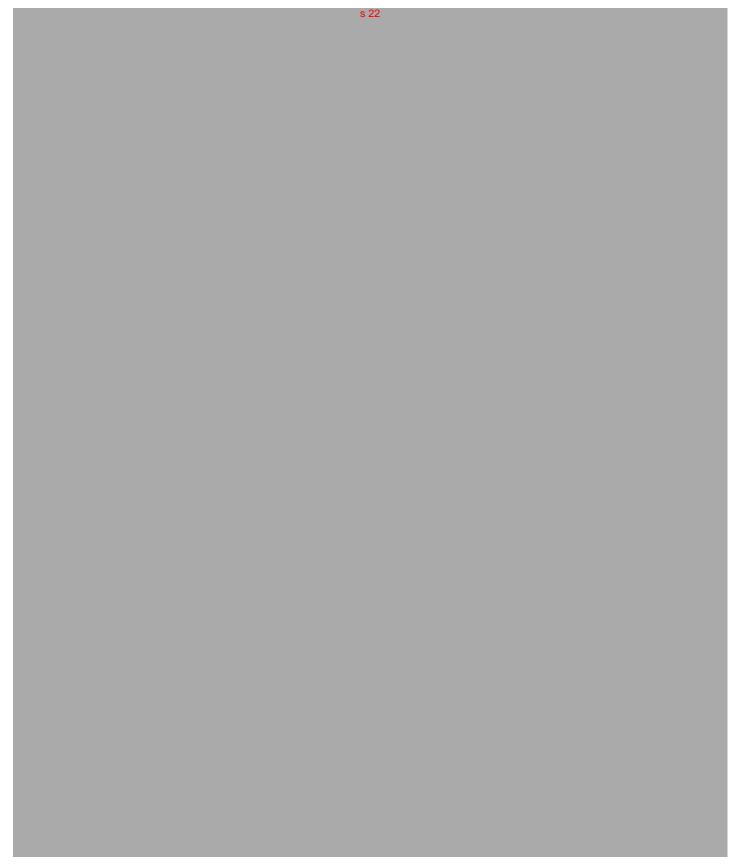
Version: 13 Expiry: 7/01/2024

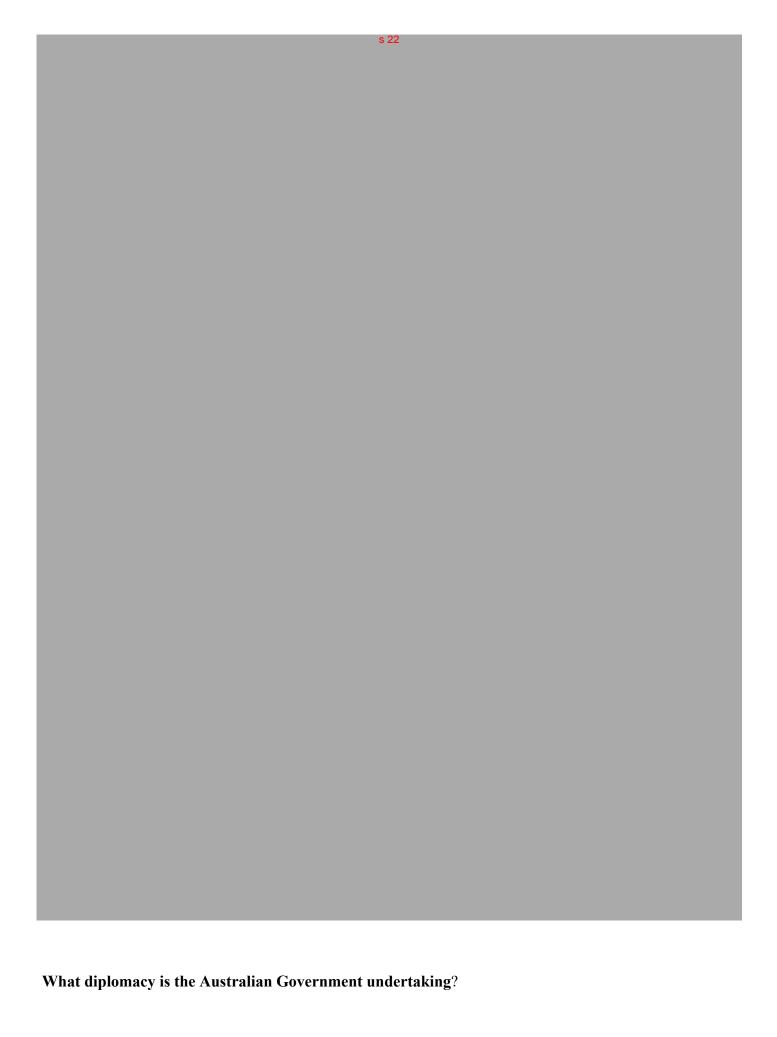
Talking Points

Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
 - o including indiscriminate rocket fire, the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages

- o these are distressing and egregious acts and Hamas bears the responsibility.
- We recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - o critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- As fighting continues, Australia urges all parties to exercise restraint, protect civilian lives and uphold international humanitarian law and human rights.





- Australia is engaging with countries in the Middle East and beyond, at all levels.
- Foreign Minister Wong spoke to Israeli Foreign Minister on 8 October, the Jordanian Foreign Minister on 9 October, and the Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister on 10 October regarding the situation.
- We are also reaching out to a number of other partners, including governments with influence in the region.

If raised: are we speaking with other states to urge other regional actors to refrain from getting involved?

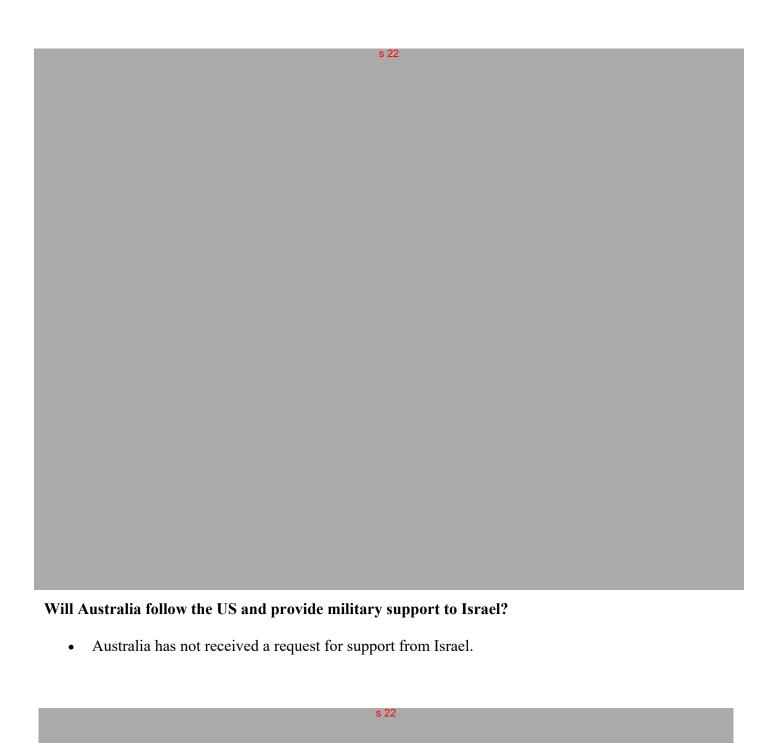
- We are engaging a range of like-minded partners and Middle Eastern countries to express our condemnation of these attacks
 - o and to urge them to use their influence to ensure other actors don't get involved and to urge Hamas to release the hostages.

What is Australia's view of the legality of Israel's military response?

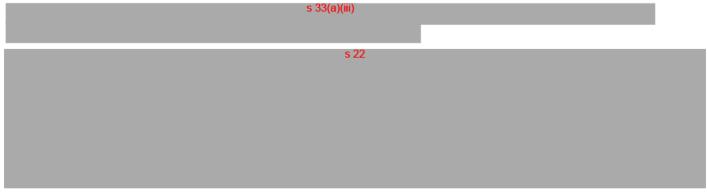
- This was a shocking attack on Israel and we have recognised Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilian lives and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- Not helpful to get into legal commentary but, in every conflict, Australia calls on the parties to respect international law.
- We are aware the humanitarian situation in Gaza is deteriorating and are monitoring developments closely
- Australia already supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24]
 - o we are discussing the evolving situation in Gaza with humanitarian agencies as they assess humanitarian needs, funding requirements and develop and roll out their response plans.



- We are actively monitoring the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza
 - o and consulting with humanitarian agencies as they assess funding requirements, and develop and roll out their response plans.
- Australia supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24]







 From:
 \$ 22
 \$ 22
 @pmc.gov.au>

 Sent:
 Thursday, 12 October 2023 5:46 AM

 To:
 \$ 22
 \$ 22
 ; Davis, Glyn

Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; Marshall, Paul;

Easton, Deanna; ; Smyth, Gemma

Subject: FW: SITREP v11 : Israel and Hamas Conflict and DFAT Talking Points - Israel and

Hamas Conflict - v14 [SEC=PROTECTED]

Attachments: Israel and Hamas Conflict - SITREP v11 0500 12 Oct 23.docx; DFAT Talking Points -

Israel-Hamas Conflict V14.docx

Glyn, s 22 , s 22 , s 22 ,

Please find attached the latest SITREP and TPs for the Israel-Hamas conflict as at 0500 this morning.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything further

Cheers

s 22

s 22 | Adviser

Operational Commitments, Middle East, Africa and Multilateral

Defence Liaison Officer International Division

p. s 22 m. s 22

s 33(a)(iii)

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Hamas Conflict

Version Date: 12/10/2023 **Reason for Update:** New information and

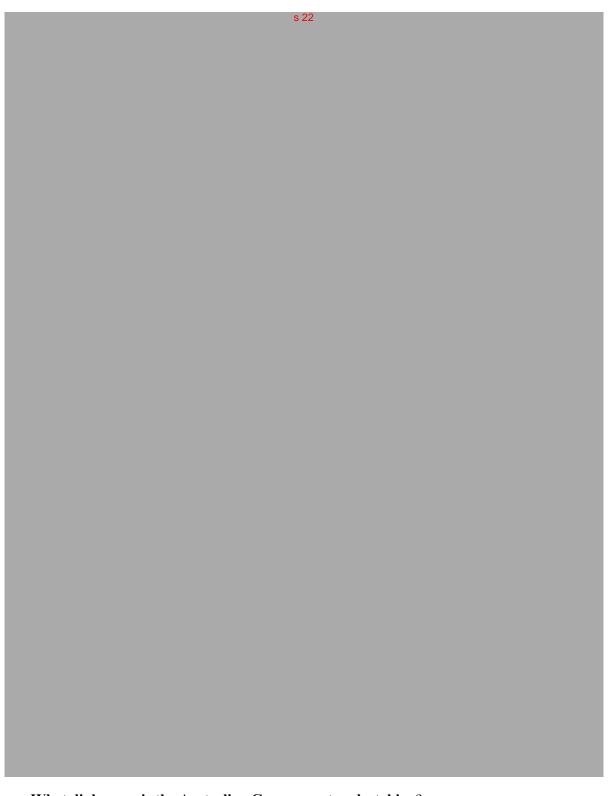
assisted departures announcement

Version: 14 Expiry: 7/01/2024

Talking Points

Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
 - o including indiscriminate rocket fire, the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages
 - these are heinous and barbaric acts of terrorism and Hamas bears the responsibility.
- We stand with Israel and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- As fighting continues, Australia urges all parties to exercise restraint, protect civilian lives and uphold international humanitarian law and human rights.



What diplomacy is the Australian Government undertaking?

• Australia is engaging with countries in the Middle East and beyond, at all levels.

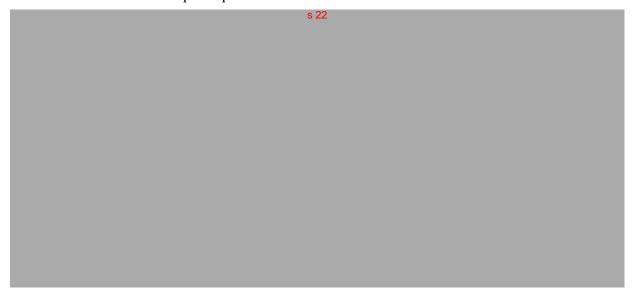
- Foreign Minister Wong spoke to Israeli Foreign Minister on 8 October, the Jordanian Foreign Minister on 9 October, and the Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister on 10 October regarding the situation.
- We are also reaching out to a number of other partners, including governments with influence in the region.

If raised: are we speaking with other states to urge other regional actors to refrain from getting involved?

- We are engaging a range of like-minded partners and Middle Eastern countries to express our condemnation of these attacks
 - o and to urge them to use their influence to ensure other actors don't get involved and to urge Hamas to release the hostages.

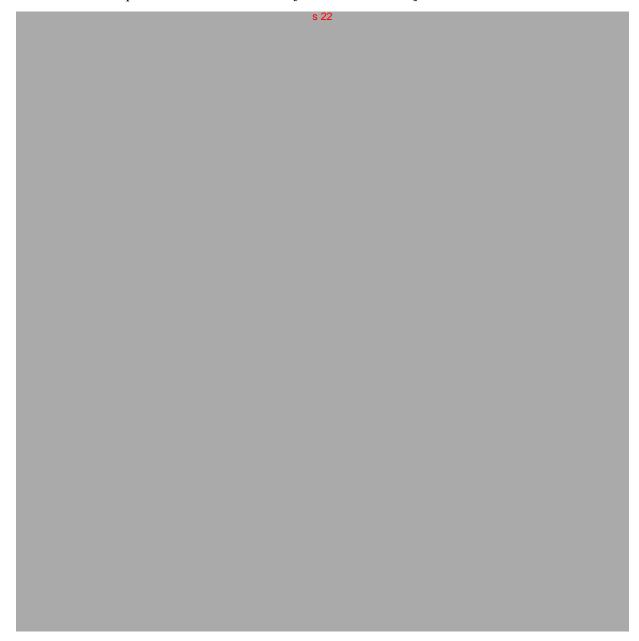
What is Australia's view of the legality of Israel's military response?

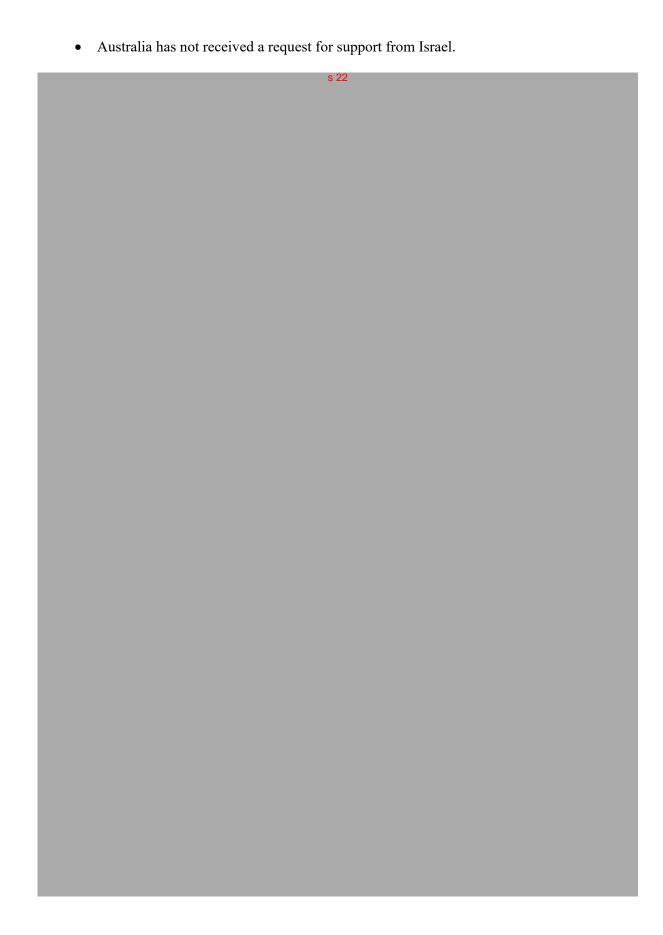
- This was a shocking attack on Israel and we have recognised Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilian lives and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- Not helpful to get into legal commentary but, in every conflict, Australia calls on the parties to respect international law.
- We are aware the humanitarian situation in Gaza is deteriorating and are monitoring developments closely
- Australia already supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24]
 - o we are discussing the evolving situation in Gaza with humanitarian agencies as they assess humanitarian needs, funding requirements and develop and roll out their response plans.

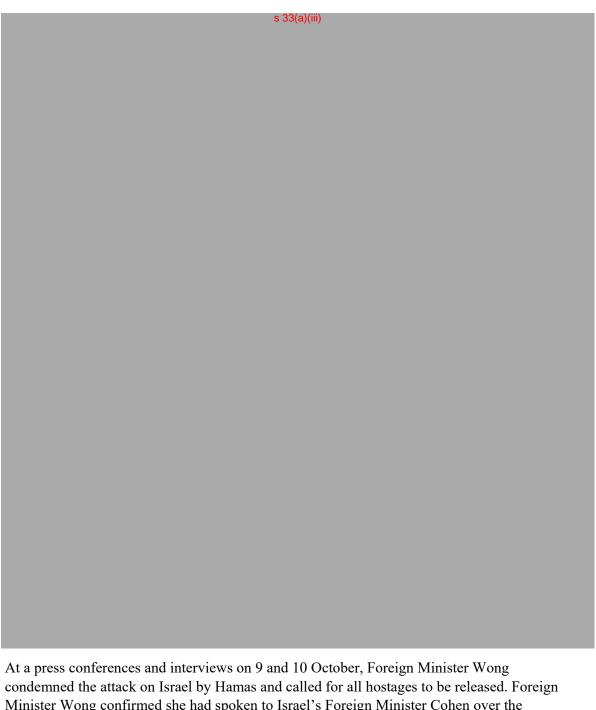


s 22

- We are actively monitoring the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza
 - o and consulting with humanitarian agencies as they assess funding requirements, and develop and roll out their response plans.
- Australia supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24]







Minister Wong confirmed she had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and support for Israel's right to defend itself.

s 33(a)(iii)

Sent: Thursday, 12 October 2023 7:05 AM

Easton, Deanna; SMyth, Gemma

Subject: Fwd: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v15

[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

All,

An update to the Israel-Hamas talking points

Happy to discuss further as required

Cheers

s 22

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: DFAT Talking Points < s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>

Date: 12 October 2023 at 7:00:55 am AEDT

To: International < s4/E(d) @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v15

[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Reply-To: do-not-reply@dfat.gov.au

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD

Subject: Israel and Hamas Conflict

Version Date: 12/10/2023 Reason for Update: New information and

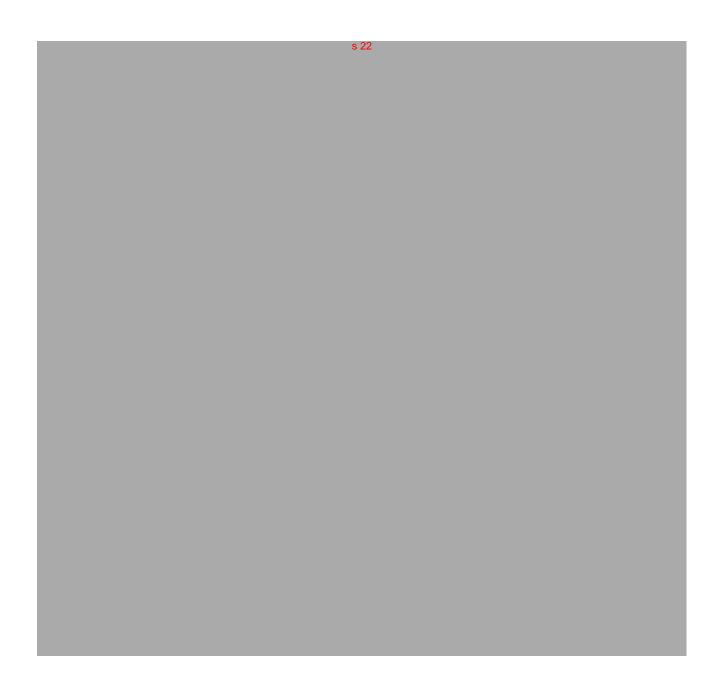
assisted departures announcement

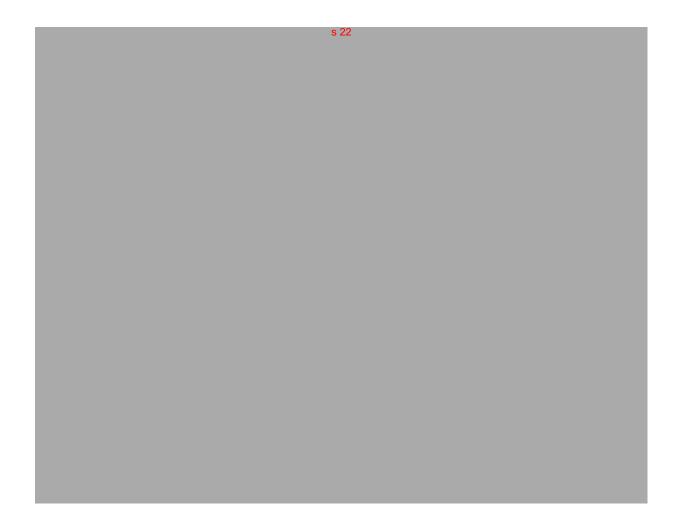
Version: 15 Expiry: 7/01/2024

Talking Points

Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
 - o including indiscriminate rocket fire, the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages
 - o these are heinous and barbaric acts of terrorism and Hamas bears the responsibility.
- We stand with Israel and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - o critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- As fighting continues, Australia urges all parties to exercise restraint, protect civilian lives and uphold international humanitarian law and human rights.





What diplomacy is the Australian Government undertaking?

- Australia is engaging with countries in the Middle East and beyond, at all levels.
- Foreign Minister Wong spoke to Israeli Foreign Minister on 8 October, the Jordanian Foreign Minister on 9 October, and the Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister on 10 October regarding the situation.
- We are also reaching out to a number of other partners, including governments with influence in the region.

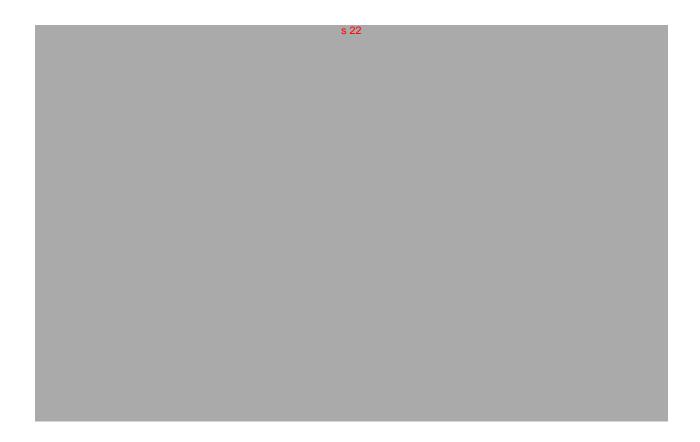
If raised: are we speaking with other states to urge other regional actors to refrain from getting involved?

- We are engaging a range of like-minded partners and Middle Eastern countries to express our condemnation of these attacks
 - o and to urge them to use their influence to ensure other actors don't get involved and to urge Hamas to release the hostages.

What is Australia's view of the legality of Israel's military response?

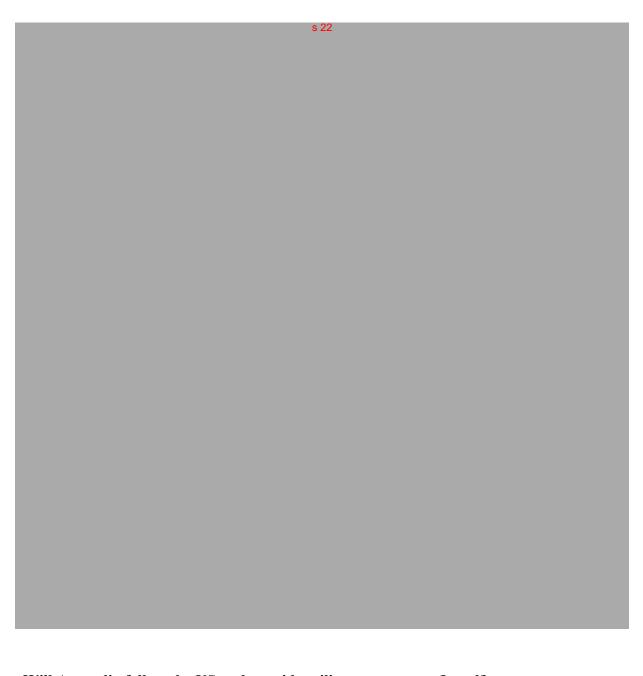
• This was a shocking attack on Israel and we have recognised Israel's right to defend itself.

- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilian lives and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- Not helpful to get into legal commentary but, in every conflict, Australia calls on the parties to respect international law.
- We are aware the humanitarian situation in Gaza is deteriorating and are monitoring developments closely
- Australia already supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24]
 - we are discussing the evolving situation in Gaza with humanitarian agencies as they assess humanitarian needs, funding requirements and develop and roll out their response plans.



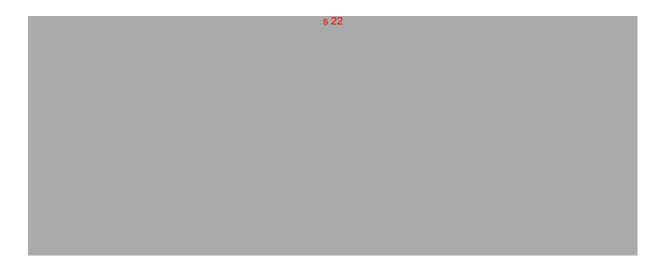
- We are actively monitoring the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza
 - o and consulting with humanitarian agencies as they assess funding requirements, and develop and roll out their response plans.
- Australia supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24]





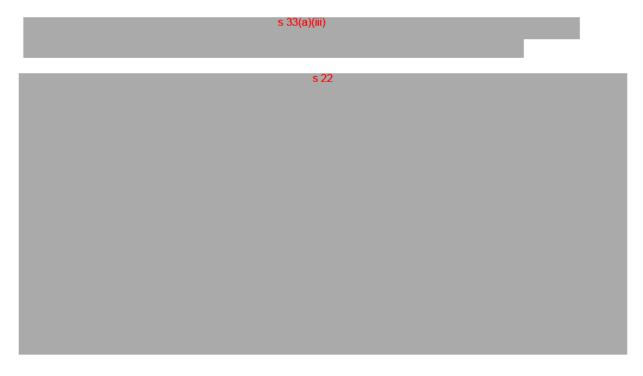
Will Australia follow the US and provide military support to Israel?

• Australia has not received a request for support from Israel.





At a press conferences and interviews on 9 and 10 October, Foreign Minister Wong condemned the attack on Israel by Hamas and called for all hostages to be released. Foreign Minister Wong confirmed she had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and support for Israel's right to defend itself.



From:

Sent:

Thursday, 12 October 2023 10:40 AM

To:

Davis, Glyn;

Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; Smyth, Gemma; Marshall, Paul;

Sent:

Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; Smyth, Gemma; Marshall, Paul;

Sent:

Subject:

Subject:

FW: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v16 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Glyn, s 22 , s 22 , s 22 ,

Please find below, the latest update of the TPs on the Israel-Hamas conflict.

I'm more than happy to discuss further as required

Cheers

s 22 | Adviser
Operational Commitments, Middle East, Africa and Multilateral
Defence Liaison Officer
International Division
p. s 22 m. s 22

From: DFAT Talking Points < \$47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 12 October 2023 10:16 AM

To: International < s 47E(d) @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v16 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD Subject: Israel and Hamas Conflict

Version Date: 12/10/2023 Reason for Update: New information and

assisted departures announcement

Version: 16 **Expiry:** 7/01/2024

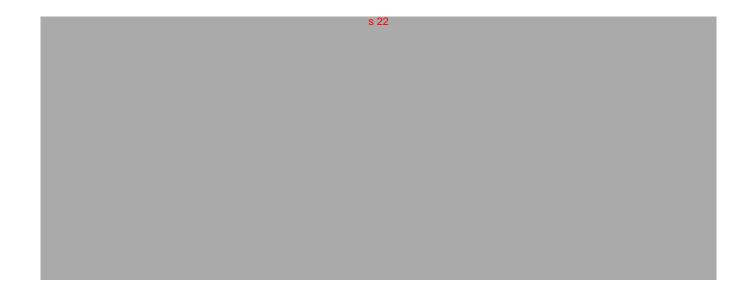
Talking Points

Headline messages

- Australia unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas
 - o including indiscriminate rocket fire, the targeting of civilians and the taking of hostages
 - o these are heinous and barbaric acts of terrorism and Hamas bears the responsibility.
- We stand with Israel and recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.
- Our thoughts are with those killed and injured and all others affected
 - o critical too that other regional actors opposed to Israel don't take advantage of the situation.
- As fighting continues, Australia urges all parties to exercise restraint, protect civilian lives and uphold international humanitarian law and human rights.

s 22





What diplomacy is the Australian Government undertaking?

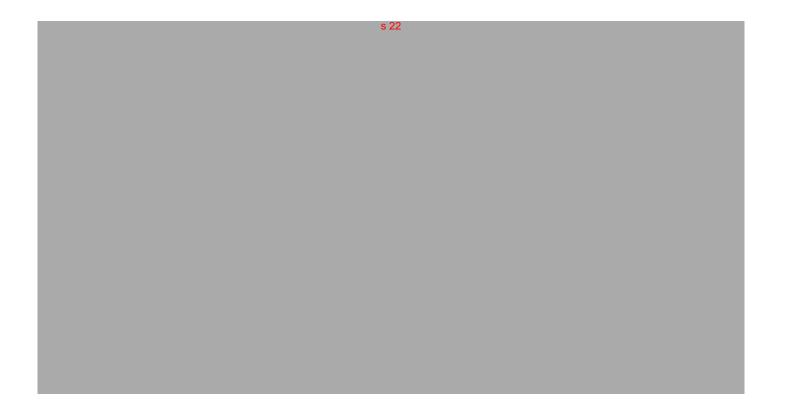
- Australia is engaging with countries in the Middle East and beyond, at all levels.
- Foreign Minister Wong spoke to Israeli Foreign Minister on 8 October, the Jordanian Foreign Minister on 9 October, and the Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister on 10 October regarding the situation.
- We are also reaching out to a number of other partners, including governments with influence in the region.

If raised: are we speaking with other states to urge other regional actors to refrain from getting involved?

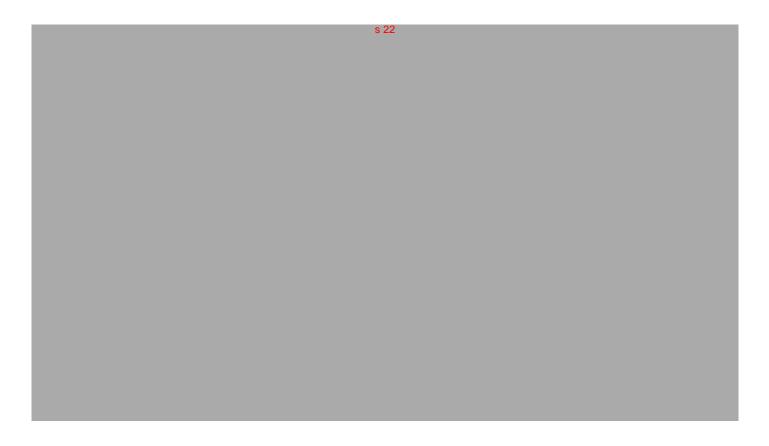
- We are engaging a range of like-minded partners and Middle Eastern countries to express our condemnation of these attacks
 - o and to urge them to use their influence to ensure other actors don't get involved and to urge Hamas to release the hostages.

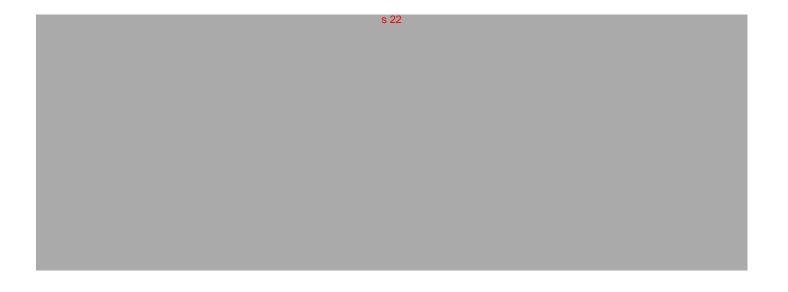
What is Australia's view of the legality of Israel's military response?

- This was a shocking attack on Israel and we have recognised Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilian lives and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- Not helpful to get into legal commentary but, in every conflict, Australia calls on the parties to respect international law.
- We are aware the humanitarian situation in Gaza is deteriorating and are monitoring developments closely
- Australia already supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24]
 - o we are discussing the evolving situation in Gaza with humanitarian agencies as they assess humanitarian needs, funding requirements and develop and roll out their response plans.



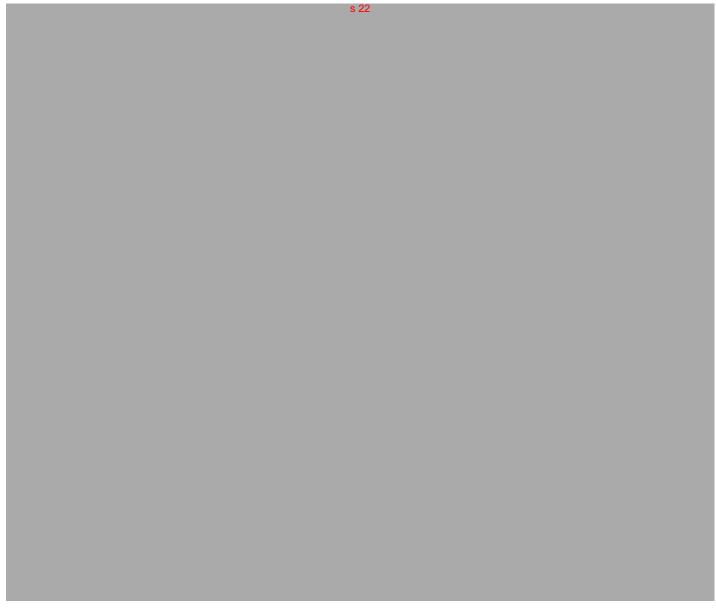
- We are actively monitoring the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza
 - o and consulting with humanitarian agencies as they assess funding requirements, and develop and roll out their response plans.
- Australia supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24]

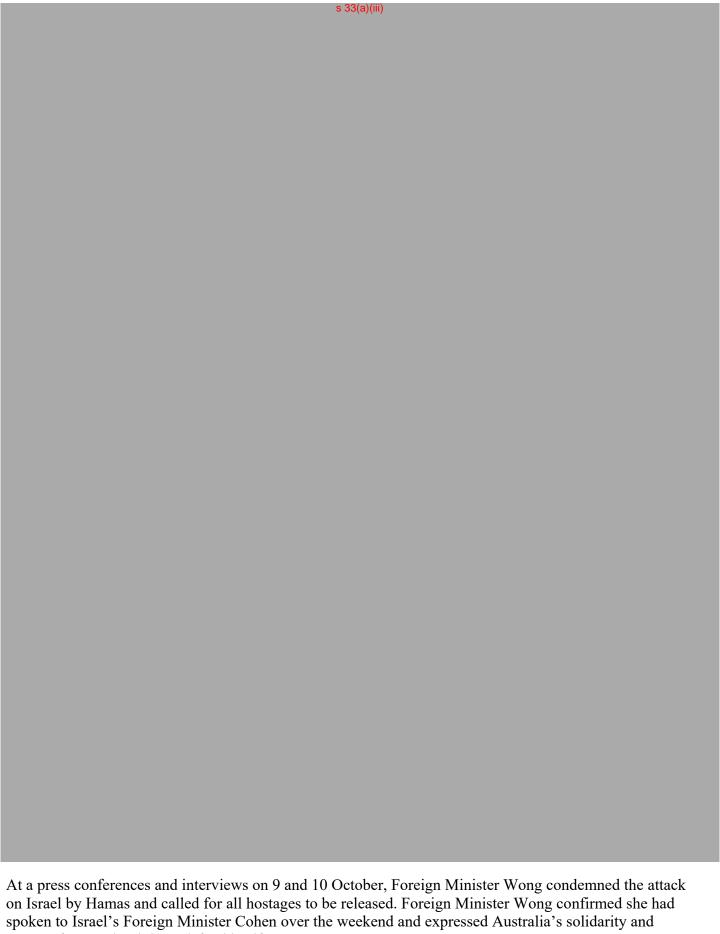




Will Australia follow the US and provide military support to Israel?

• Australia has not received a request for support from Israel.





support for Israel's right to defend itself.

s 33(a)(iii)

@pmc.gov.au> From: Sent: Thursday, 12 October 2023 6:28 PM To: Davis, Glyn; Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; Smyth, Gemma; Kimpton, Philip; Marshall, Paul; ; Easton, Deanna; International -Middle East Africa and Multilateral Issues

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

FW: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v17 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Glyn, s 22

Please find below the latest update of the TPs on the Israel – Hamas conflict (v17).

We will forward the latest SITREP through when it is received.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions.

Cheers

Subject:

| Adviser Operational Commitments, Middle East, Africa and Multilateral **Defence Liaison Officer** International Division

From: DFAT Talking Points < s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 12 October 2023 6:10 PM

To: International < @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v17 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS **DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS**

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC Originating Division: MAD Subject: Israel and Hamas Conflict

Reason for Update: New information and

assisted departures announcement

Expiry: 7/01/2024

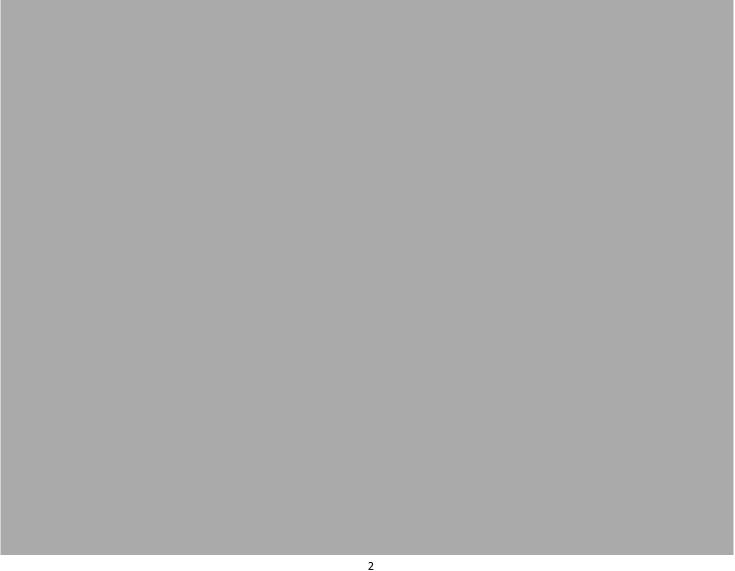
Version Date: 12/10/2023

Version: 17

Talking Points

Headline messages

- Australia has unequivocally condemned the attacks on Israel by Hamas.
- These are acts of evil. These are the heinous, barbaric acts of terrorists.
- We stand with Israel and recognise its right to defend itself.
- We call for all hostages to be released.
- This is a devastating situation in Israel and Gaza.
- We have already witnessed a devastating loss of life and innocent civilians on all sides are suffering.
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilian lives and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- That law exists to protect all of us.
- We are aware the humanitarian situation in Gaza is deteriorating and are monitoring developments closely.
- I support the work of the US, Egypt and others to establish humanitarian access.
- Our guiding principle has always been pursuing a just and enduring peace. A two-state solution where Israelis and Palestinians can live within secure borders.
- One of the many tragedies of what Hamas has done is push any prospects for peace further from reach, undermining the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people themselves.



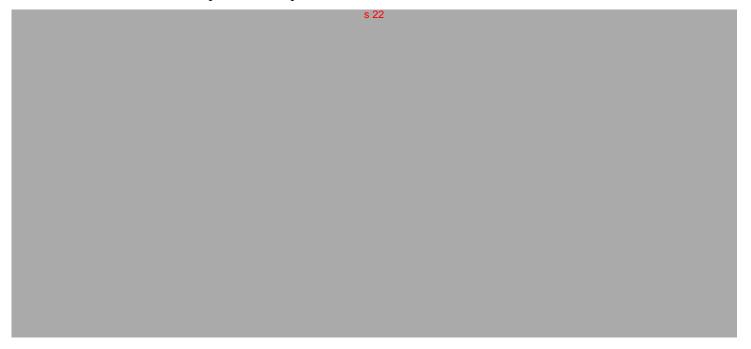


What diplomacy is the Australian Government undertaking?

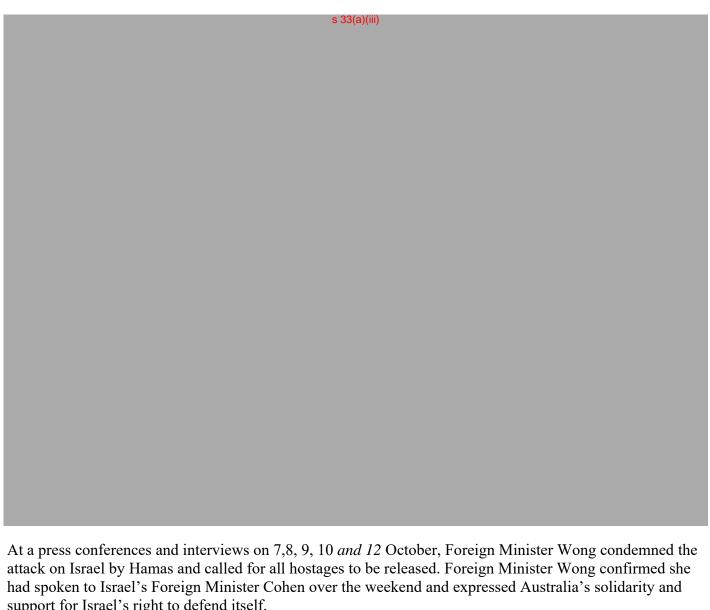
- Australia is engaging with countries in the Middle East and beyond, at all levels.
- Foreign Minister Wong spoke to Israeli Foreign Minister on 8 October, the Jordanian Foreign Minister on 9 October, and the Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister on 10 October regarding the situation.
- We are also reaching out to other partners, including governments with influence in the region.

What is Australia's view of the legality of Israel's military response?

- This was a shocking attack on Israel and we have recognised Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilian lives and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- Australia calls on the parties to respect international law.



- The humanitarian situation in Gaza is of serious concern and continues to deteriorate.
- We are closely monitoring events and *continue to* consult with humanitarian agencies as they assess funding requirements, and develop and roll out their response plans.
- Australia supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24].



support for Israel's right to defend itself.

s 33(a)(iii)

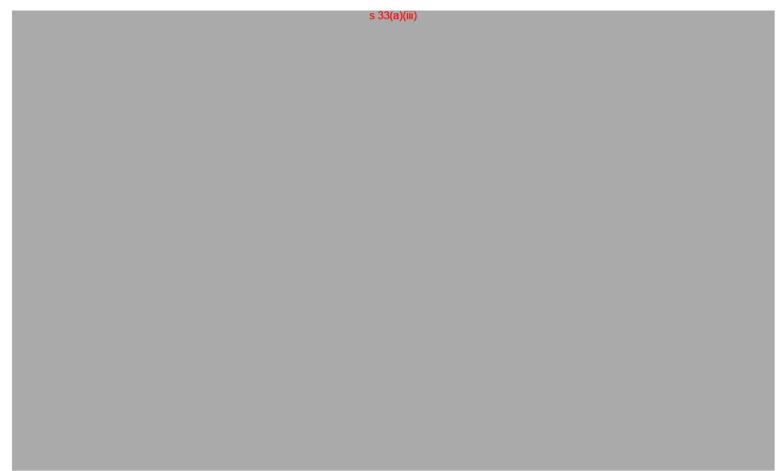
s 22

s 22 From: Friday, 13 October 2023 6:17 AM Sent: Davis, Glyn; To: Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; Smyth, Gemma; Kimpton, Philip; ; Marshall, Paul; International - Middle East Africa Easton, Deanna; and Multilateral Issues Subject: FW: SITREP v13: Israel and Hamas Conflict / DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict - v18 [SEC=PROTECTED] **Attachments:** Israel-Hamas Conflict - Media Talking Points V18.docx; Israel and Hamas Conflict -SITREP v13 0500 13 Oct 23.docx Dear Glyn, S 22 s 22 and s 22 Here are the latest updated talking points and SITREP from DFAT. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Kind regards, s 22 | Senior Adviser Middle East, Africa and Multilateral Policy | International Division Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

@pmc.gov.au

| m.

| e.



OFFICIAL:Sensitive



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and T

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC

Subject: Israel and Hamas Conflict

Version Date: 12/10/2023

Version: 18

Talking Points

- Australia unequivocally condemns the evil and heinous terrorist attacks by Hamas.
- Australia stands with Israel and we recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We call for the release of all hostages.
- The situation in Israel and Gaza is devastating and we have already seen significant loss of civilian lives on all sides.
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilians and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- We are monitoring developments closely as the humanitarian situation in Gaza deteriorates.
- We support the work of the United States, Egypt and others to seek to establish humanitarian access.
- We are committed to the pursuit of a just and enduring peace, and a two-state solution where Palestinians and Israelis can live within secure borders.
- The atrocities committed by Hamas only push that prospect further away, undermining the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people.

What diplomacy is the Australian Government undertaking?

- Australia is engaging with countries in the Middle East and beyond, at all levels.
- Foreign Minister Wong spoke to Israeli Foreign Minister on 8 October, the Jordanian Foreign Minister on 9 October, and the Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister on 10 October regarding the situation.
- We are also reaching out to other partners, including governments with influence in the region.

What is Australia's view of the legality of Israel's military response?

- This was a shocking attack on Israel and we have recognised Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilian lives and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- Australia calls on the parties to respect international law.

s 22

What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- The humanitarian situation in Gaza is of serious concern and continues to deteriorate.
- Australia calls for safe and unimpeded humanitarian access to affected areas.
- We are closely monitoring events and continue to consult with humanitarian agencies as they assess funding requirements, and develop and roll out their response plans.
- Australia supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24].
- Australia is a longstanding donor to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)
 - On 12 October the CERF Emergency Relief Coordinator announced a rapid response allocation of US\$9 million to enable immediate relief efforts in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

At a press conferences and interviews on 7,8, 9, 10 and 12 October, Foreign Minister Wong condemned the
attack on Israel by Hamas and called for all hostages to be released. Foreign Minister Wong confirmed she
had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and
support for Israel's right to defend itself.
s 33(a)(iii)
\$ 33(a)(III)
s 22

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



Australian Gover POINTS Department of ForeUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC

Subject: Israel and Hamas Conflict

Originating Division: MAD

Version Date: 12/10/2023

Version: 18

Reason for
Update: New
information
and assisted
departures
announcement
Expiry:
7/01/2024

Talking Points

- Australia unequivocally condemns the evil and heinous terrorist attacks by Hamas.
- Australia stands with Israel and we recognise Israel's right to defend itself.
- We call for the release of all hostages.
- The situation in Israel and Gaza is devastating and we have already seen significant loss of civilian lives on all sides.
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilians
 and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- We are monitoring developments closely as the humanitarian situation in Gaza deteriorates.
- We support the work of the United States, Egypt and others to seek to establish humanitarian access.
- We are committed to the pursuit of a just and enduring peace, and a two-state solution where Palestinians and Israelis can live within secure borders.
- The atrocities committed by Hamas only push that prospect further away, undermining the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people.

s 22	
What diplomacy is the Australian Government undertaking?	
Australia is engaging with countries in the Middle East and beyond, at all levels.	

- Foreign Minister Wong spoke to Israeli Foreign Minister on 8 October, the Jordanian Foreign Minister on 9 October, and the Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister on 10 October regarding the situation.
- We are also reaching out to other partners, including governments with influence in the region.

What is Australia's view of the legality of Israel's military response?

- This was a shocking attack on Israel and we have recognised Israel's right to defend itself
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilian lives and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- Australia calls on the parties to respect international law.



What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- The humanitarian situation in Gaza is of serious concern and continues to deteriorate.
- Australia calls for safe and unimpeded humanitarian access to affected areas.
- We are closely monitoring events and continue to consult with humanitarian agencies as they assess funding requirements, and develop and roll out their response plans.
- Australia supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24].
- Australia is a longstanding donor to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)
 - On 12 October the CERF Emergency Relief Coordinator announced a rapid response allocation of US\$9 million to enable immediate relief efforts in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.



At a press conferences and interviews on 7,8, 9, 10 and 12 October, Foreign Minister Wong condemned the attack on Israel by Hamas and called for all hostages to be released. Foreign Minister Wong confirmed she had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and support for Israel's right to defend itself.

s 33(a)(iii)

s 22

From: \$ 22

Sent: Friday, 13 October 2023 8:22 PM

To: S 22 ; S 22 ; S 22 ; S 22 ;

Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craiq; Collingburn, Ash; Smyth, Gemma; Kimpton, Philip;

Easton, Deanna; ; Marshall, Paul; International - Middle East Africa

and Multilateral Issues;

Subject: FW: SITREP v14 : Israel and Hamas Conflict / DFAT Talking Points - Israel and

Hamas Conflict - v19 [SEC=PROTECTED]

Attachments: Israel-Hamas Conflict - Media Talking Points V19.docx; Israel and Hamas Conflict -

SITREP v14 1900 13 Oct 23 (2) (003).docx

Dear Glyn, s 22, s 22, s 22 and s 22

Here are the latest updated talking points and SITREP from DFAT.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

s 22 | Adviser

Middle East, Africa and Multilateral Policy | International Division

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

p. s 22 | e. s 22 @pmc.gov.au

s 33(a)(iii)

OFFICIAL:Sensitive



Australian Gover POINTS Department of ForeUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC

Originating Division: MAD,

CCD

Subject: Israel and Hamas Conflict

Version Date: 13/10/2023

Version: 19

Reason for Update: New information and assisted departures announcement Expiry: 7/01/2024

Talking Points

- Australia unequivocally condemns the evil and heinous terrorist attacks by Hamas.
- Australia stands with Israel and we recognise its right to defend itself.
- We call for the immediate release of all hostages held in Gaza.
- The situation in Israel and Gaza is devastating and we have already seen significant loss of Israeli and Palestinian life. Civilians on all sides are suffering their protection must be paramount.
- As hostilities continue, it is vitally important that international law is respected and adhered to.
- We are monitoring developments closely as the humanitarian situation in Gaza deteriorates.
- Australia supports the work of the United States, Egypt and others to seek to establish humanitarian access to Gaza.
- Australia is engaging with a range of countries in the Middle East in support of such efforts and to ensure the conflict is contained.

• We are committed to the pursuit of a just and enduring peace, and a two-state solution where Palestinians and Israelis can live within secure borders.

• The atrocities committed by Hamas only push that prospect further away, undermining the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people.

s 22



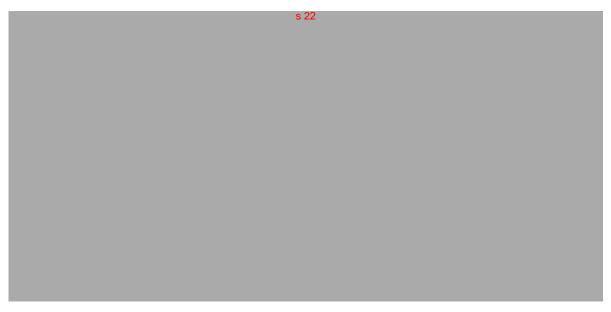


What diplomacy is the Australian Government undertaking?

- Australia is engaging with countries in the Middle East and beyond, at all levels.
- Foreign Minister Wong has spoken to the Israeli Foreign Minister, the Jordanian Foreign Minister and the Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister regarding the situation.
- Australia is also reaching out to other partners, including governments with influence in the region.

What is Australia's view of the legality of Israel's military response?

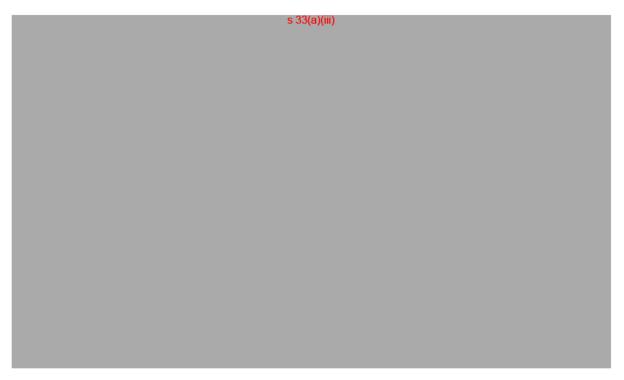
- This was a shocking attack on Israel and Australia recognises Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilian lives and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- Australia calls on the parties to respect international law.



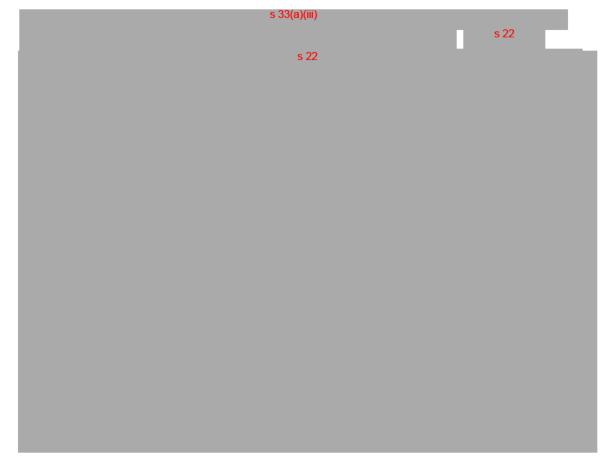
What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- The humanitarian situation in Gaza is of serious concern and continues to deteriorate.
- Australia calls for safe and unimpeded humanitarian access to affected areas
 - we are closely monitoring events and continue to consult with humanitarian agencies as they assess funding requirements and develop and roll out their response plans.
 - We support US Secretary Blinken's comments on 12 October that those in Gaza need safe passages and their humanitarian needs protected while Israel conducts its security operations.
- Australia supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24].
- Australia is a longstanding donor to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)
 - on 12 October the CERF Emergency Relief Coordinator announced a rapid response allocation of US\$9 million to enable immediate relief efforts in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

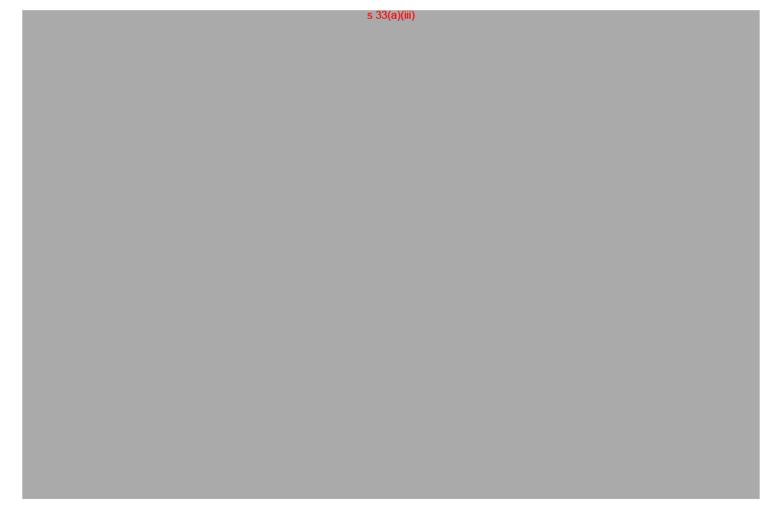
s 22



Foreign Minister Wong has repeatedly condemned the attack on Israel by Hamas and called for all hostages to be released. Foreign Minister Wong confirmed she had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and support for Israel's right to defend itself.



s 22 From: Saturday, 14 October 2023 6:00 AM Sent: To: Davis, Glyn; Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; Smyth, Gemma; Kimpton, Philip; Easton, Deanna; ; Marshall, Paul; International - Middle East Africa and Multilateral Issues Subject: FW: SITREP v15: Israel and Hamas Conflict / DFAT Talking Points - Israel and Hamas Conflict v20 [SEC=PROTECTED] **Attachments:** Israel and Hamas Conflict - SITREP v15 0530 14 Oct 23.docx; Israel-Hamas Conflict - Media Talking Points V20.docx Dear Glyn, \$22 s 22 and s 22 Here are DFAT's SITREP and updated TPs (version 20). DFAT has updated its TPs since the last email I sent at 5.51am. Kind regards, s 22 | Senior Adviser Middle East, Africa and Multilateral Policy | International Division Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet @pmc.gov.au



OFFICIAL:Sensitive



Australian Gover POINTS Department of ForeUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC

Originating Division: MAD,

CCD

Subject: Israel and Hamas Conflict

Version Date: 14/10/2023

Version: 20

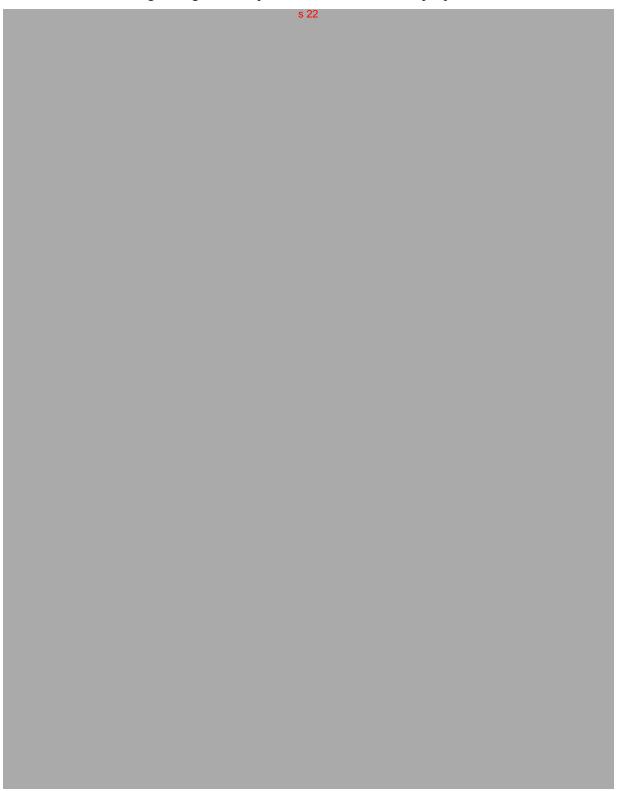
Reason for Update: New information and assisted departures announcement Expiry: 7/01/2024

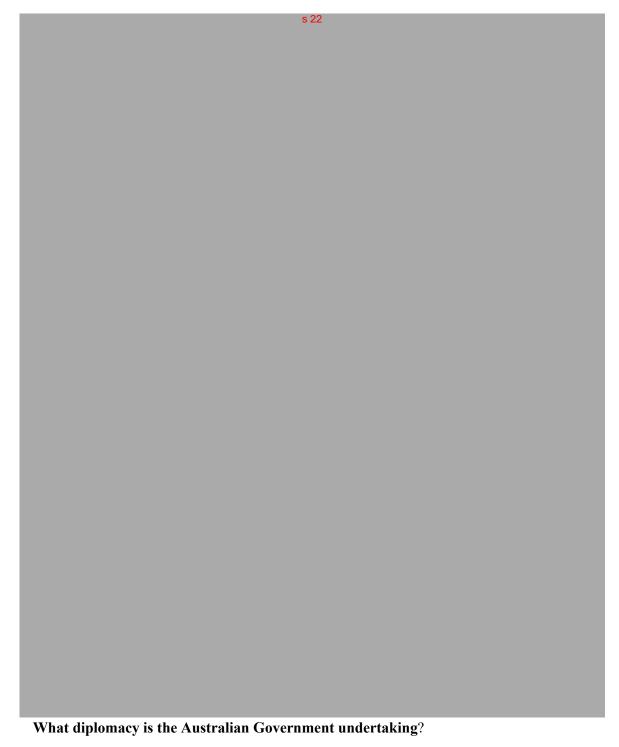
Talking Points

- Australia unequivocally condemns the evil and heinous terrorist attacks by Hamas.
- Australia stands with Israel and we recognise its right to defend itself.
- We call for the immediate release of all hostages held in Gaza.
- The situation in Israel and Gaza is devastating and we have already seen significant loss of Israeli and Palestinian life. Civilians on all sides are suffering their protection must be paramount.
- As hostilities continue, it is vitally important that international law is respected and adhered to.
- We are monitoring developments closely as the humanitarian situation in Gaza deteriorates.
- Australia supports the work of the United States, Egypt and others to seek to establish humanitarian access to Gaza.
- Australia is engaging with a range of countries in the Middle East in support of such efforts and to ensure the conflict is contained.

•	We are committed to the pursuit of a just and enduring peace, and a two-state solution
	where Palestinians and Israelis can live within secure borders.

• The atrocities committed by Hamas only push that prospect further away, undermining the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people.





- Australia is engaging with countries in the Middle East and beyond, at all levels.
- Foreign Minister Wong has spoken to the Israeli Foreign Minister, the Jordanian Foreign Minister and the Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister regarding the situation.
- Australia is also reaching out to other partners, including governments with influence in the region.

What is Australia's view of the legality of Israel's military response?

- This was a shocking attack on Israel and Australia recognises Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilian lives and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- Australia calls on the parties to respect international law.

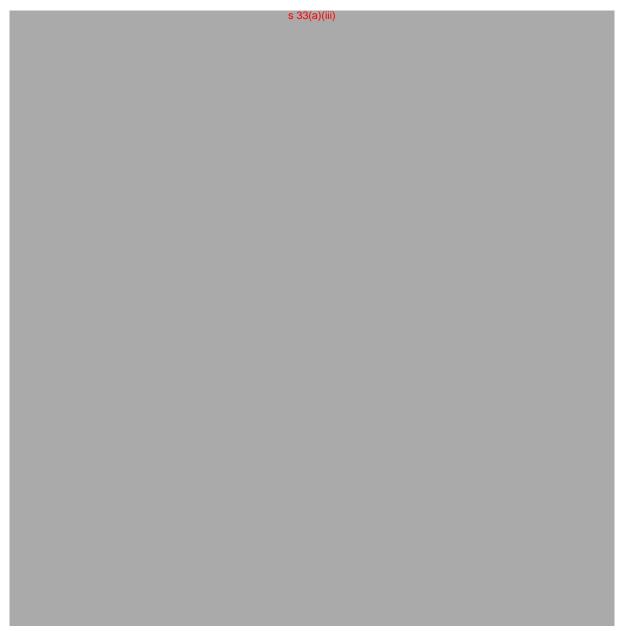


What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- The humanitarian situation in Gaza is of serious concern and continues to deteriorate.
- Australia calls for safe and unimpeded humanitarian access to affected areas
 - We support US Secretary Blinken's comments on 12 October that those in Gaza need safe passages and their humanitarian needs protected while Israel conducts its security operations.
 - The predicted mass displacement of people from Northern Gaza is expected to exacerbate the already precarious humanitarian situation.
- We are closely monitoring events and continue to consult with humanitarian agencies as they assess funding requirements and develop and roll out their response plans.
- Australia supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24].
- Australia is a longstanding donor to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

response allocation of US\$9 million to enable immediate relief efforts in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

 $\circ\quad$ on 12 October the CERF Emergency Relief Coordinator announced a rapid



Foreign Minister Wong has repeatedly condemned the attack on Israel by Hamas and called for all hostages to be released. Foreign Minister Wong confirmed she had spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister Cohen over the weekend and expressed Australia's solidarity and support for Israel's right to defend itself.



s 22 @pmc.gov.au> From: Sent: Saturday, 14 October 2023 7:48 PM To: Davis, Glyn; Cc: Dewar, Scott; Chittick, Craig; Collingburn, Ash; Smyth, Gemma; Kimpton, Philip; ; Marshall, Paul; International - Middle East Africa Easton, Deanna; and Multilateral Issues;

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

FW: DFAT Talking Points - Hamas-Israel Conflict - v21 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

and s 22 Dear Glyn, S 22

Here are the latest updated talking points from DFAT.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Subject:

s 22 | Adviser

Middle East, Africa and Multilateral Policy | International Division

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

@pmc.gov.au

From: DFAT Talking Points < @dfat.gov.au>

Sent: Saturday, 14 October 2023 7:42 PM

To: International < @pmc.gov.au>

Subject: DFAT Talking Points - Hamas-Israel Conflict - v21 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive



MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS

Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC **Originating Division: MAD**

Subject: Hamas-Israel Conflict

Reason for Update: New information and Version Date: 14/10/2023

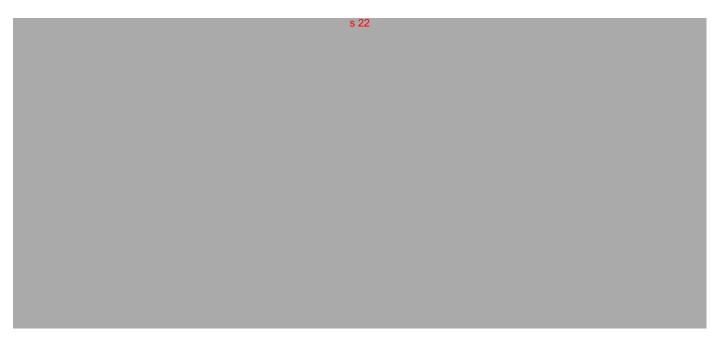
assisted departures

Version: 21 Expiry: 7/01/2024

Talking Points

- Australia unequivocally condemns the Hamas attacks on Israel and the continuing conflict. The Hamas attacks on Israel are abhorrent acts of terror against innocent civilians.
- Australia stands with Israel and we recognise its right to defend itself.
- We call for the *unconditional* release of all hostages held in Gaza.
- As hostilities continue, it is vitally important that international law is respected and adhered to. We join with others in calling for Israel to operate by the rules of international law.
- The situation in Israel and Gaza is devastating and we have already seen significant loss of Israeli and Palestinian life. We urge the protection of civilian lives in Gaza, where many innocent people are at risk.
- Australia is providing an initial \$10 million in humanitarian assistance for civilians affected by the conflict in Gaza to fund urgent needs and deliver critical support.
- We call for safe and unimpeded humanitarian access to civilians affected by the worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza.
- We are committed to the pursuit *of peace and a just and enduring two-state solution* where Palestinians and Israelis can live within secure borders.
- The atrocities committed by Hamas only push that prospect further away, undermining the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people.



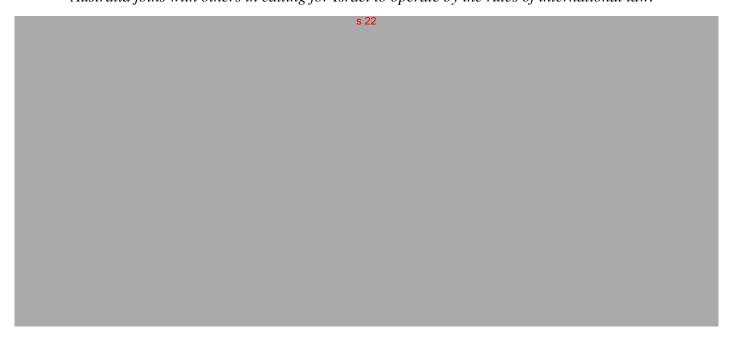


What diplomacy is the Australian Government undertaking?

- Australia is engaging with countries in the Middle East and beyond, at all levels.
- Foreign Minister Wong has spoken to the Israeli Foreign Minister, the Jordanian Foreign Minister and the Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister regarding the situation.
- Australia is also reaching out to other partners, including governments with influence in the region.

What is Australia's view of the legality of Israel's military response?

- The Hamas attacks on Israel are abhorrent acts of terror against innocent civilians.
- Australia recognises Israel's right to defend itself.
- Australia's consistent position in all contexts is to call for the protection of civilian lives and the observation of international humanitarian law.
- Australia joins with others in calling for Israel to operate by the rules of international law.



What is the status of the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- The humanitarian situation in Gaza is of serious concern and continues to deteriorate.
- Australia will provide \$3 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross to fund urgent needs like restoring essential services and providing medical support to victims of the conflict.

- Through United Nations agencies, Australia will provide \$7 million to deliver critical support including emergency water, nutrition, sanitation and hygiene services, as well as child protection.
- Australia will continue to monitor and assess the humanitarian situation and stands ready to provide further support.
- Australia supports the UN and International NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the Occupied Palestinian Territories [\$32.2m in 2023-24].
- Australia is a longstanding donor to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)
 - o on 12 October the CERF Emergency Relief Coordinator announced a rapid response allocation of US\$9 million to enable immediate relief efforts in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

