



**The Hon Scott Morrison MP**  
Minister for Immigration and Border Protection

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Dear Mr Mansoor

**Chaldeans affected by the violence in Iraq**

Thank you for your letter of 18 August 2014 regarding Chaldeans affected by the violence in Iraq. You have also requested a meeting with officers of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection to discuss the details of the Australian Government's commitment to the resettlement of Iraqis in this year's Humanitarian Programme. I appreciate the time you have taken to bring these matters to my attention.

The government is deeply concerned by the ongoing conflict in Iraq and Syria and the humanitarian crises this has caused.

As I announced on 17 August 2014, there will be 2,200 places for Iraqis and 2,200 places for Syrians who have fled their home countries within the 11,000 places for this year's offshore Humanitarian Programme. People resettled will include refugees referred to Australia by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and people proposed by their close family members in Australia through the Special Humanitarian Programme.

As in previous years, a significant proportion of the places for Iraqis will be for minority ethnic and religious communities, including Chaldeans. Chaldeans form the single largest Iraqi minority resettled under Australia's Humanitarian Programme with more than 7,000 Chaldeans resettled over the last 10 years.

I am advised that Mr Daniel Boyer, Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian Branch, has arranged to meet with the Chaldean Australian Society in late October to discuss the arrangements for the resettlement of Iraqis in this year's Humanitarian Programme.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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