

Coalition Members Additional Comments³⁹

1.2 Coalition Members of the Committee acknowledge that the Committee was unable to scrutinise the Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No.2) Bill 2023 and Migration Amendment (Bridging Visa Conditions) Bill 2023 for compatibility with human rights prior to their passage.

1.3 Coalition Members consider this rushed legislative response was necessitated by the Government's failure to prepare for the decision of the High Court in *NZYQ v. Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs & Anor.*, despite clear warnings that the matter would be decided adversely to the Government from June 2023.

1.4 Notwithstanding this limitation, Coalition Members believe the safety and security of the Australian community is paramount, and that their human rights need to be protected and prioritised above the rights of the NZYQ cohort.

1.5 Coalition Members do not support the Government's rushed decision to release NZYQ cohort detainees without appropriate safeguards in place.

1.6 Coalition Members support further urgent legislation to provide for preventive detention of those who present an unacceptable risk of re-offending if released from custody. The Government should move to enact such a law as an immediate priority.

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³⁹ This section can be cited as Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, Additional Comment, *Report 13 of 2023*; [2023] AUPJCHR 126.