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## Immigration (Refugee Quota) Amendment Bill

Member's Bill

### Explanatory note

#### General policy statement

This Bill seeks to increase and put into legislation New Zealand's Refugee Quota. The Refugee Quota is made up of mandated refugees who are people determined to be refugees by the United Nations High Commission for refugees (UNHCR) before arrival in New Zealand.

The current Refugee Quota is set in the Immigration Operational Manual at 750 (plus or minus 10 per cent). This number has not been increased since 1987. As the number of refugees worldwide grows, this Bill seeks to ensure that New Zealand is doing its fair share by increasing the number of mandated refugees accepted into this country to 1000 (plus or minus 5 per cent).

#### Clause by clause analysis

*Clause 1* is the Title clause.

*Clause 2* is the commencement clause and provides that the Bill comes into force on the day after the date it receives the Royal assent.

*Clause 3* provides that the Bill amends the Immigration Act 2009 (the principal Act).

*Clause 4* amends section 22 by providing that, for mandated refugees, immigration instructions must set a quota of 1000, plus or minus 5%.



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### **The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**

#### **1 Title**

This Act is the Immigration (Refugee Quota) Amendment Act **2015**.

#### **2 Commencement**

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

#### **3 Principal Act**

This Act amends the Immigration Act 2009 (the **principal Act**).

#### **4 Section 22 amended (Immigration instructions)**

In section 22, after subsection (6), insert:

(6A) Despite anything to the contrary in this Act, immigration instructions certified by the Minister under subsection (1) must set a mandated refugee quota that is 1000, plus or minus 5%.