

## **GOVERNMENT SPOKESPERSON**

The Government is committed to supporting the Afghan community, and has allocated 26,500 dedicated places in the Humanitarian Program for Afghan nationals through to 2025-26.

Since the fall of Kabul in August 2021, Australia has granted more than 10,000 permanent humanitarian visas to Afghan nationals, as well as more than 3,500 family reunion visas.

We have a duty to ensure that our humanitarian efforts focus on those whose safety is most at risk, especially those who may face harm due to their involvement in our mission in Afghanistan and those with close family ties to Australia.

The Government urges all people remaining in Afghanistan to prioritise their safety. People remaining in Afghanistan must carefully consider the risks should they attempt to leave by any route.

We will continue to closely monitor the situation in Afghanistan, and remain conscious of the particular needs of vulnerable cohorts.