



Australian Government

Department of Immigration and Border Protection

Attachment A

DECISION RECORD

Request Details

FOI Request FA 14/03/01382
File Number ADF2014/10577

Scope of request

I write seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act, specifically all ministerial briefs on the establishment of a National Border Targeting Centre.

Documents in scope

1. Submission – CB2012/00598 – containing 6 folios.

Authority to make decision

I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests to access documents or to amend or annotate departmental records.

Information considered

In reaching my decision, I have considered the following:

- ✓ The *Freedom of Information Act 1982*;
- ✓ Departmental document (identified above);
- ✓ The Australian Information Commissioner's Guidelines relating to access to documents held by government;
- ✓ The Department's FOI Handbook

Reasons for decision

I am satisfied that I have been provided with all the relevant documents to consider in my decision.

Deletion of exempt or irrelevant material under s.22 of the FOI Act

Section 22(2) of the FOI Act provides that, where an agency reaches the view that a document contains exempt information or material that is irrelevant to the request **and** it is possible for the agency to prepare an edited copy of the document with the irrelevant or exempt material deleted, then the agency must prepare such a copy.

This edited copy must be provided to the applicant. Further, the decision maker must advise the applicant in writing that the edited copy of the document has been prepared and of the reason(s) for each of the deletions in the document (s.22(3) of the FOI Act).

Exempt material is deleted pursuant to s.22(1)(a)(i) and irrelevant material is deleted pursuant to s.22(1)(a)(ii) of the FOI Act.

The attached Schedule of Documents identifies documents where material has either been deleted as exempt information under the FOI Act or deleted as irrelevant to the scope of the request.

I have interpreted your scope as requesting ministerial briefs regarding the topic of *National Border Targeting Centre*. I have reviewed the document that was provided to the FOI Section and I am satisfied that I have released to you, in full, all information regarding the topic *National Border Targeting Centre*. Information that I have deleted from the document under section 22(1)(a)(ii) of the FOI Act, contains information on topics that do not fall within the scope of your request.



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Attachment B

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS TO DECISION RECORD

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1. Submission – CB2012/00598

| Folio | Description | Decision | Legislation |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1-6 | Information that is irrelevant to the scope of your request | Deleted in full or in part | s.22(1)(a)(ii) |

Attachment C

22 Access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted

Scope

- (1) This section applies if:
 - (a) an agency or Minister decides:
 - (i) to refuse to give access to an exempt document; or
 - (ii) that to give access to a document would disclose information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access; and
 - (b) it is possible for the agency or Minister to prepare a copy (an *edited copy*) of the document, modified by deletions, ensuring that:
 - (i) access to the edited copy would be required to be given under section 11A (access to documents on request); and
 - (ii) the edited copy would not disclose any information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request; and
 - (c) it is reasonably practicable for the agency or Minister to prepare the edited copy, having regard to:
 - (i) the nature and extent of the modification; and
 - (ii) the resources available to modify the document; and
 - (d) it is not apparent (from the request or from consultation with the applicant) that the applicant would decline access to the edited copy.

Access to edited copy

- (2) The agency or Minister must:
 - (a) prepare the edited copy as mentioned in paragraph (1)(b); and
 - (b) give the applicant access to the edited copy.

Notice to applicant

- (3) The agency or Minister must give the applicant notice in writing:
 - (a) that the edited copy has been prepared; and
 - (b) of the grounds for the deletions; and
 - (c) if any matter deleted is exempt matter—that the matter deleted is exempt matter because of a specified provision of this Act.
- (4) Section 26 (reasons for decision) does not apply to the decision to refuse access to the whole document unless the applicant requests the agency or Minister to give the applicant a notice in writing in accordance with that section.



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Submission

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ExecCorro Reg. Number
CB2012 - 00598.

To **Minister**

Subject **Department of Immigration and Citizenship: An overview of Risk, Fraud and Integrity Division's border security key initiatives and capabilities**

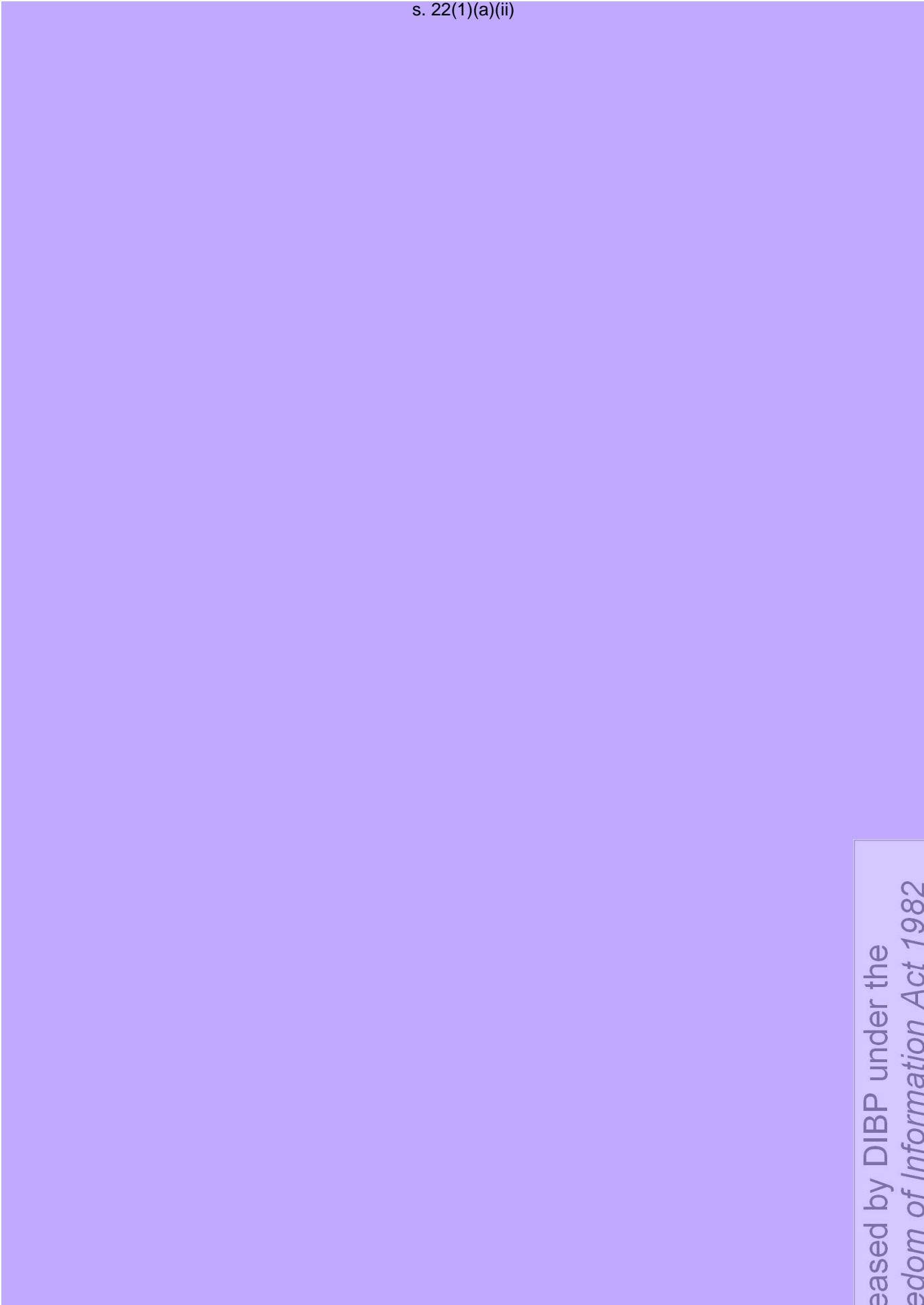
Timing

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

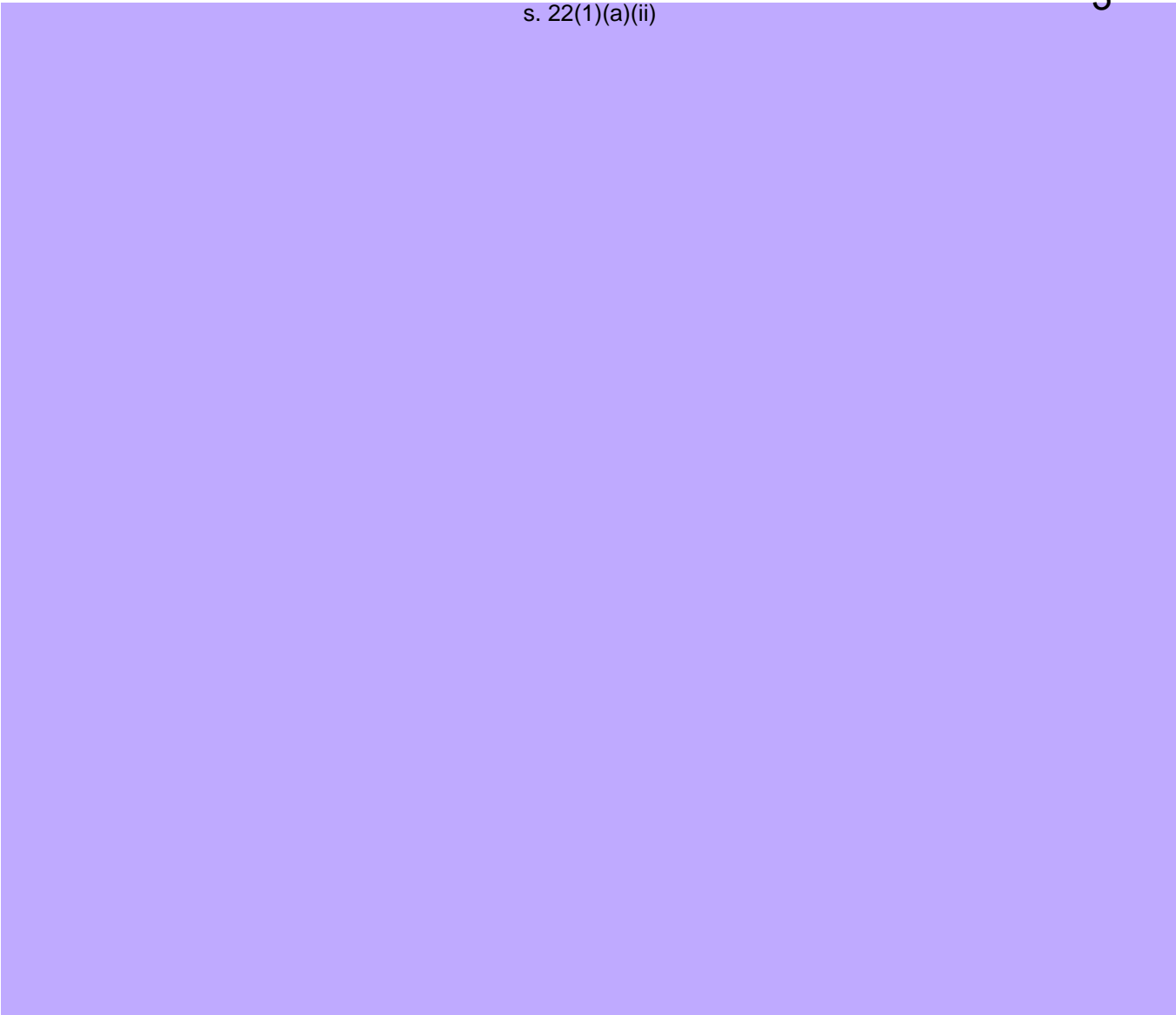
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)



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Advanced Analytics

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)



23. Initiatives that fall under the advanced analytics umbrella include s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and the National Targeting Centre (NTC).

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

National Targeting Centre

29. In mid 2010, the department began a project with the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service to identify and develop options for addressing cross-agency capability gaps in the air passenger environment. For the past year both agencies have been working together to identify and develop activities aimed at testing a joint capability and identifying possible paths for the delivery of the NTC.

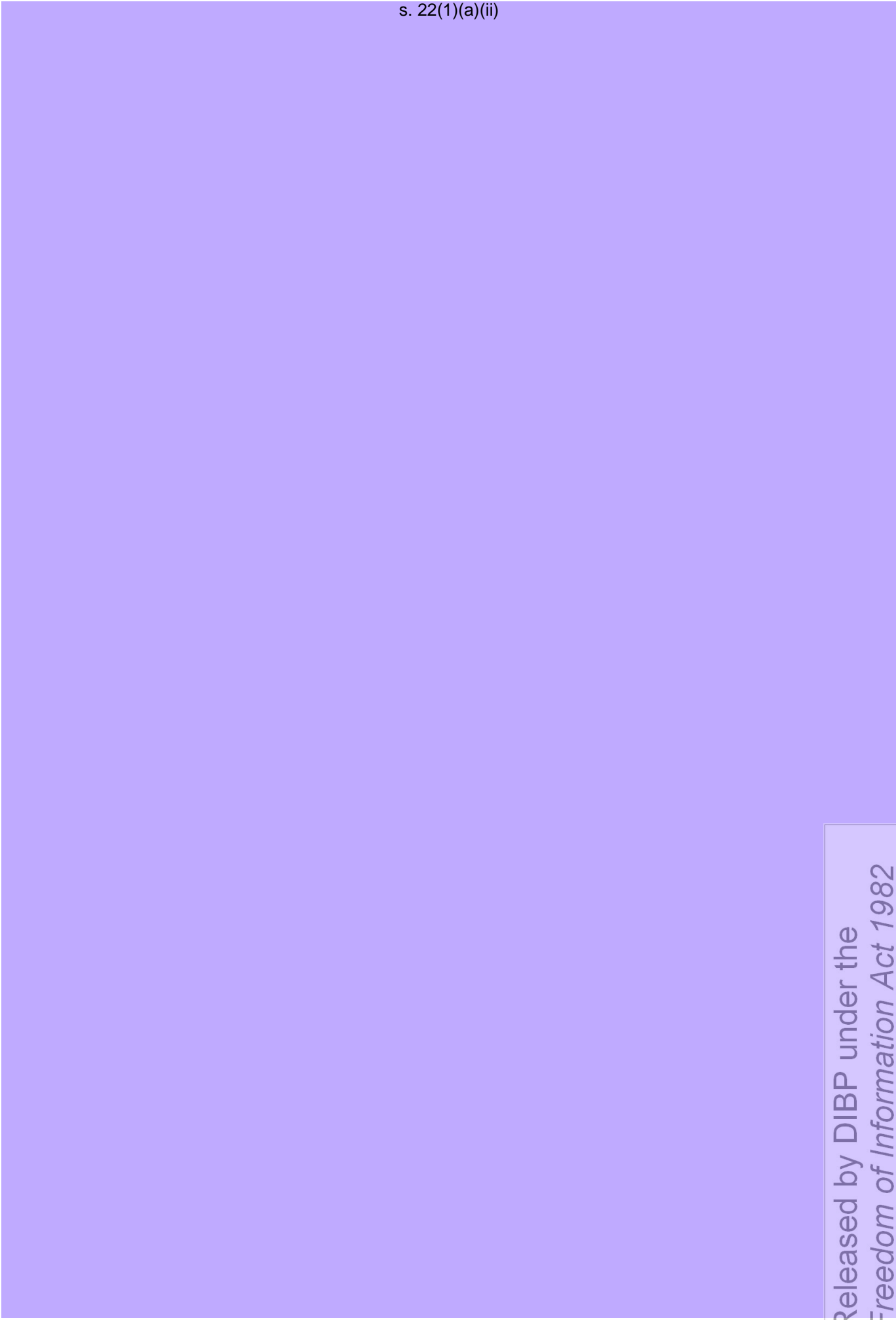
30. The key outcomes the NTC seeks to achieve are to:

- provide enhanced inter-agency information sharing and connectivity;
- improve joint agency understanding and management of entities of interest;
- improve joint agency intelligence activities in relation to travellers of interest;
- provide facilities to jointly manage and at times de-conflict high-risk traveller transactions in advance of current timeframes; and
- feed each agency's information and intelligence into a united end-to-end view of the risk and thereby enabling high-risk transactions to be more effectively identified early.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

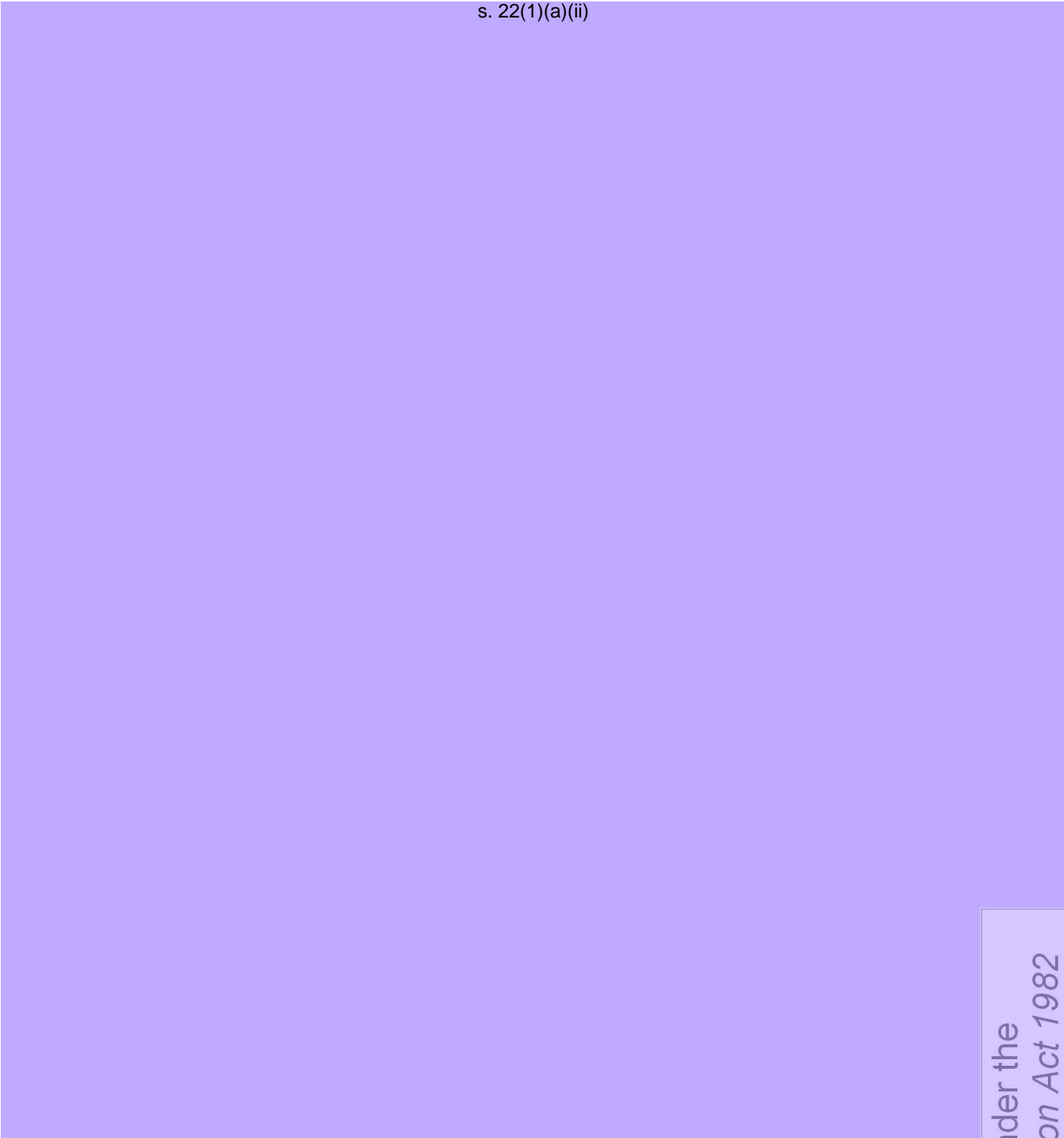
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