



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **421-02131**

BY: **MR. ALLISON (NIAGARA WEST)**

DATE: **MARCH 19, 2018**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **HONOURABLE AHMED HUSSEN**

Response by the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Immigration

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

Thank you for bringing this case to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's (IRCC) attention. We understand the challenges faced by families like Mr. Earle's. Family reunification is one of our key immigration priorities and we always treat cases involving children very seriously. At the same time, IRCC must ensure all decisions must be made in accordance with the law. As you may understand, cases involving intercountry adoption issues, guardianship and statelessness are often extremely complex, therefore, processing times can vary. Rest assured that IRCC makes great efforts to reunite families in Canada.

Unfortunately, due to privacy laws, IRCC cannot comment on specific details of cases involving minor children without the consent of the persons authorized by or pursuant to the law of a province to administer the affairs of the minor children. Canada is bound by international and domestic laws that set out strict rules around the movement of children across borders. These laws are in place to protect the safety, rights, and well-being of children in vulnerable situations.

In respect to issuing a Temporary Resident Permit (TRP), please note that the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA) states that an officer is the designated decision-maker to issue a TRP. A TRP can be issued to a foreign national

who is inadmissible or who does not meet the requirements of the IRPA. In some cases however, there may be compelling reasons for an officer to issue a TRP to allow a person who does not meet the requirements of the Act to enter or remain in Canada.

While IRCC is unable to provide a precise timeframe for the completion of TRP applications, please note that they are assessed thoroughly and fairly in accordance with the provisions of Canada's immigration legislation and international obligations.