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| 17 July 2024You are invited to attend our meeting next WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2024 at 6.30PM.Please join Labor for Refugees to receive the Zoom linkThe Minutes of our last meeting follow [**MinutesL4RNSW-ACT26June24**](https://facebook.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=09c48b6cba9909c3558998ce0&id=a28c633d2c&e=f705cf268c)

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**Meeting with Home Affairs Minister Clare O'Neil**Representatives of each of our L4R groups across Australia will be meeting Minister Clare O'Neil online next Wednesday morning of the 24 July.We have sent her office a list of questions in advance of our meeting.Please attend our L4R meeting on the same evening so we can report the outcome to you.**NSW Labor State Conference - Fringe Events**I broke the good news to you in last month's newsletter, that our L4R motion was accepted by the Education Committee and supported by the NSW Education Minister Prue Car.  If you wish to read the wording of our motion to conference once more,  it follows. [**L4RNSW/ACTrefugeemotionNSWConf2024**](https://facebook.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=09c48b6cba9909c3558998ce0&id=dda8684b67&e=f705cf268c)We thank all those branch members who supported our refugee motion and contributed to its success as well as the NSW Education Minister for her co-operation. However, the bad news is that all Fringe Events scheduled to take place at the Sydney Town Hall over the conference weekend, have been suspended.The decision was made by NSW Labor last Friday after it was determined that there was no way to safely implement the recommended security measures and at the same time, provide all the planned programs.  It was also felt that because Fringe Events are open to the public, attendance would be significantly reduced.  However, NSW Labor did commit to provide a platform for Fringe Events to take place after the Conference weekend.Sadly, we had to break the news to our three guests speakers and hope that later this year, we can reconvene and successfully hold our Fringe Event.**Court Assistance for Asylum Seekers**L4R wrote a letter to Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus on 31 March 2024, expressing our concern about the lengthy delays that asylum seekers face having their protection claims assessed and determined.  These delays cause high levels of anxiety and depression in people seeking asylum. We suggested that just supplying interpreters is ineffective as these people cannot provide legal advice.  We suggested it would be more effective to divert funds from court interpreters to Legal Aid.    You can read about the efficiencies we believe our suggestions would promote that currently don't exist in the court system, which would also enhance the interests of justice.  Our letter follows [**L4RletterAtt-Gen31-3-24**](https://facebook.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=09c48b6cba9909c3558998ce0&id=b7f8046766&e=f705cf268c)On the 11 July 2024, Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus responded to our letter, outlining what the government is doing to address the concerns we raised with him.  You can read his response here [**L4RletterAtt-GenResponse11-7-24**](https://facebook.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=09c48b6cba9909c3558998ce0&id=5b4fce776b&e=f705cf268c)

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