

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S
IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK**

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Question:

I want to go back to Airport Lodge, the incident that took place there after the internet disagreement and the 11 people who were followed up by the Federal Police for weapons offences. Where are those people now? I understand that those prosecutions were not carried forward. Where are the 11 that the Federal Police thought were worth having a close look at for weapons offences?

Answer:

The incident identified by Mr Morrison was initiated by an argument between Afghan and Iranian clients on a bus returning from school. The argument resulted in tension at the Darwin Airport Lodge APOD which escalated over several hours into a physical altercation between family groups and UAMs. The Australian Federal Police (AFP) investigated the matter and determined no charges would be laid. The AFP has advised the 11 clients initially identified as persons of interest are no longer of interest.

As at cob 25 September 2011 of the 11 clients referenced above; five have been granted Protection visas, five are currently in Community Detention, and one client remains in detention at an Immigration Detention Centre.