

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

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Question: Can you tell me what the three-month forward projection is for the capacity or overcapacity situation at Christmas Island for each of the next three months.

Answer: The department uses Christmas Island as an initial reception point for Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs). Currently the large majority of IMAs spend a relatively short period of time on Christmas Island before being transferred to a mainland facility.

The department is able to adjust the rate at which people are transferred from Christmas Island in order to retain capacity for future arrivals.