

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

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Question: At any stage has an audit of the facilities here in Darwin been undertaken like similar ones undertaken on Christmas Island, Curtin and other places, particularly by the AFP but more broadly, that identified risks to infrastructure at the facility from a security perspective? Were any recommendations made to upgrade any of the infrastructure security perspective, and is there any outstanding work in relation to those security upgrades of the infrastructure.

Answer: In September 2010 DIAC engaged a security consultant to review the operational and physical security following incidents at the Northern IDC on 29 August 2010 and 1 September 2010. The consultant noted that the Northern IDC was developed to contain low risk short stay foreign fishers, but now contains people who are staying much longer with outcomes that are uncertain.

A final report and recommendations were submitted to the department on 24 September 2010. The department accepted all the recommendations contained in the report and a project management firm was engaged to implement those recommendations. These works have now been completed.