

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

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**Question:** North West Point: what was the movement in the staff-to-detainee ratio over the course of the six to nine months leading up to the events in March?

**Answer:** Serco has advised that the staff numbers at the Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centres increased by 35% during the six months from September 2010 to February 2011. Operational Serco staff employed at North West Point increased by 37% during this period. This increase exceeded the expansion in the number of detainees.