



Select Committee on the recent allegations relating to conditions and circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru

31 July 2015

Senator the Hon Stephen Parry
President of the Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr President

Pursuant to Senate standing order 38(7), I present to you a report of the Select Committee on the recent allegations relating to conditions and circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru (the committee).

On 26 March 2015 the Senate resolved to establish the committee to inquire into and report by **15 June 2015** on the responsibilities of the Commonwealth Government in connection with the management and operation of the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru.

Conduct of inquiry

The committee advertised its inquiry on its website. The committee also wrote directly to the Commonwealth and other stakeholders, drawing attention to the inquiry and inviting written submissions. The committee has received 94 submissions and held three public hearings in Canberra on 19 May 2015, 9 June 2015 and 20 July 2015. The committee sought, and was granted, an extension of time to report by 31 July 2015.

Reporting

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the control of the committee, it has not been possible to finalise the report by 31 July 2015. Therefore, I propose to put forward a motion when the Senate reconvenes on 10 August 2015 to reappoint the committee with the same terms of reference and a new reporting date.

Yours sincerely

Senator Alex Gallacher

Chair