



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

Media Release

On 26 March 2015 the Senate established the Select Committee on the recent allegations relating to conditions and circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru.

The committee, Chaired by Senator Alex Gallacher, with Senator Sarah Hanson-Young as the Deputy Chair, is calling for submissions by 27 April 2015.

Submissions on the committee's terms of reference (below) can be made online at www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/regional_processing_Nauru, or by email: regionalprocessingnauru.sen@aph.gov.au

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru, be established 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 (the Centre), with particular reference to:

- (a) how the Commonwealth Government is fulfilling its obligations under the Memorandum of Understanding between The Republic of Nauru and the Commonwealth of Australia relating to the transfer to and assessment of persons in Nauru, cost and related issues;
- (b) the performance of the Commonwealth Government in connection with the Centre, including the conduct and behaviour of the staff employed at the Centre, to the extent that the Commonwealth Government is responsible;
- (c) the Commonwealth Government's duty of care obligations and responsibilities with respect to the Centre;
- (d) the circumstances that precipitated the Moss Review, including allegations made regarding conditions and circumstances at the centre and the conduct and behaviour of staff employed by contracted service providers, the timing of the Commonwealth Government's knowledge of the allegations, and the appropriateness of the response of the Commonwealth Government to these allegations;
- (e) factors relating to the timing of the release of the Moss Review;
- (f) the response of the Commonwealth Government to the recommendations of the Moss Review, including timelines for implementation; and
- (g) any related matters.

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