

Submission 1

I was employed on Manus Island, PNG by G4S from July 2013 until the contract ended with them in March 2014.

I was initially employed as a Safety and Security Officer (SSO) but was very quickly promoted to Supervisor. My background was with a UK police service, Wiltshire Police, for 12 years and WA Police.

During September/October 2013 I was placed as a supervisor in charge of the Incident Response Team (IRT) made up of local PNG staff. As you will see from the content of the emails I previously forwarded, although the PNG nationals were keen, and willing to learn, the level of training was woeful, and I was gravely concerned that the tension was rising within the centre and they would not be up to the task of dealing with a serious disorder.

I trust this information will be of use to the enquiry.

Kind Regards,

Paul Skillen