

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

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Question: I just want to know whether it was ultimately a ministerial decision to have a compound as part of North West Point that had a lower level of security?

Answer: North West Point (NWP) was opened by the former Minister in December 2008. At the time, the Government chose to open the facility in a low-security mode. This approach was viewed by Government as appropriate given the compliant detention population at that time and the desire to maintain a positive culture and mood.

The development of Aqua and Lilac compounds with the NWP facility was done in a manner consistent with this approach.