

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

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Detention Population

Question: The average square metre allocation for each detainee, and how has that figure changed over time since November 2007;

Answer: Detention standards for design and fit out of Immigration Detention facilities were introduced in October 2007.

The requirements for Immigration Detention Centres are 10 square metres for single occupancy, 15 square metres when shared and a maximum of 2 per bedroom where unrelated (unless culturally desirable to form larger groups).

For Immigration Transit Accommodation, the square metre allocation is 10 square metres for a single bedroom, able to accommodate two as a contingency.

These standards have not changed since their implementation in October 2007.