

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

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Question: What is the department's view on this?

Answer: The Health Services Contract was signed in 2009 and designed to deliver health services to a smaller number of clients with fewer health needs.

The growth in the Irregular Maritime Arrival (IMA) population and the opening of additional places of detention required changes to the service delivery model and the Contract.

The Contract is being renegotiated to provide a more flexible service delivery model better suited to the detention population.

The department or the Health Services Provider, IHMS, is able to propose services additional to those specified in the Contract.

The department received IHMS's proposal of 26 October 2011 for the provision of additional psychiatric services. IHMS amended the proposal and re-submitted it to the department on 9 November 2011. The department has now approved the proposal.