JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S *Q140* IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK

Question:

Was it discussed at your daily meetings and the meetings you had with Serco and the AFP—the changing nature in the detention population and the extent to which that would change the risk profile of the centre? Can you identify if and when that issue was raised? Could you also identify if and when that was reported back up through the chain?

Answer:

The daily meetings on Christmas Island did, and continue to, include discussion around the changing nature in the detention population at each of the facilities and the extent to which that could potentially change the risk profile at each site. Information on significant client population dynamics and associated issues is communicated to relevant senior DIAC officers on a daily basis.

The department had been aware of the changing nature of the detention population for some time and had provided advice to the Government on related issues.