Question: When was the last time the department responded to recommendations put forward by the Human Rights Commission in relation to detention?

Answer: The Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) regularly monitors and reports on the conditions for people in immigration detention. Their work includes investigating complaints about alleged breaches of human rights in immigration detention facilities and monitoring conditions in facilities through a program of inspections.

The most recent AHRC report related to conditions at Curtin Immigration Detention Centre. This report was provided to the Department on 5 September 2011 and the Department responded to the recommendations in the report on 28 September 2011. AHRC reports and departmental responses are published on the AHRC website.