

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

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**Question:** I know I asked you the question about the direct sourcing method you have used for both Airport Lodge and Wickham Point but, in going back to Canberra can you confirm which of those categories the direct sourcing method was used for. Secondly, there is also a decision maker in the guidelines in terms of approving those sorts of arrangements. Can you advise who that was?

**Answer:** The Chief Financial Officer approved:

- an exemption from the Mandatory Procurement Procedures for the property leases. This was approved, as the Mandatory Procurement Procedures do not apply to *“leasing or purchase of real property or accommodation. (Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines - paragraph 1 of Appendix A: Exemptions from Mandatory Procurement Procedures)*

and also approved

- direct sourcing due to the urgency of finding suitable accommodation for asylum seekers. This was approved, as it satisfied the condition for direct sourcing *“where, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by unforeseen by the agency, the property or services could not be obtained in time under open tendering procedures”.* (Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, Division 2: Mandatory Procurement Procedures for Covered Procurements, Paragraph 8.33 (b))

Separate approvals were sought and granted for the Wickham Point facility and the Darwin Airport Lodge.