

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

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Question: Was the advice of the adviser to Mr Evans, Allison Henry, correct and did that confirm your own concerns about the looming shortage in accommodation capacity in the detention network on 6 and 7 May?

Answer: The department closely monitored intelligence in relation to possible Irregular Maritime Arrival flows and capacity pressures in the Immigration Detention Network throughout 2010. The department regularly communicated with the Minister and his office in relation to these issues.

Supplementary Answer:

According to the Council for Immigration Services and Status Resolution 5th General Meeting Minutes of 6 and 7 May 2010, Ms Henry reported to the meeting that "over 3000 additional arrivals were predicted within the next few months".

The actual number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals for the three month period of May to July 2010 was 1750.