

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Kirk asked:

Explain the difference between the various Management Units – eg Red 1, Blue 1, Blue 2 etc.

Answer:

There is only one Management Unit at Baxter Immigration Detention Facility (IDF). The other places referred to i.e. Red One, Blue One and Blue Two are the names for different compounds within Baxter IDF and are not Management Units.

Red One compound at Baxter IDF is more structurally robust than other compounds and is operated on a more closely supervised basis. It is not a management unit. Blue One and Blue Two are normal compounds with no greater level of security than others within Baxter IDF.

The Management Support Unit at Baxter IDF is smaller than the main compounds, with 10 single bedrooms, each with a shower and toilet, and two separate grassed courtyards. There is a meals room containing a kitchenette, four secure tables and chairs, a small twin tub washing machine and a TV room with six secure tables and chairs. These areas are accessed by detainees at various times of the day, according to a management plan. There is a detention services officer observation point and day use toilets.

Each bedroom contains a bed pack (sheets, pillow slip, mattress protector, blankets, face washer and towel) and a single mattress.