

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Crossin(L&CA 96) asked:

Can you tell me what the situation is with regard to a new entrance to the Northern Immigration Detention Facility? I understand there is a proposal to actually change the entrance to the facility and make it accessible off Amy Johnson Avenue. Has Defence engaged a consultant?

Answer:

Preliminary discussions between DIMA and Defence in relation to the sub-division of the Northern Immigration Detention Facility (NIDF) area from the Defence Establishment Berrimah (DEB) included options for establishing an alternative access point to the NIDF.

Defence engaged a consultant to prepare concept drawings in relation to the separation of services and potential alternative access points. No decisions have been made to date pending the Government's consideration in 2007 of the recommendation of a review of Defence's requirements at DEB.