



**Joint Select Committee
on Australia's
Immigration Detention
Network**

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Inquiry into Australia's Immigration Detention Network

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1. Immigration Detention Network Administration

Sub-theme – Detention Network Administration

- (c) the resources, support and training for employees of Commonwealth agencies and/or their agents or contractors in performing their duties;
- (i) the performance and management of Commonwealth agencies and/or their agents or contractors in discharging their responsibilities associated with the detention and processing of irregular maritime arrivals or other persons;
- (j) the health, safety and wellbeing of employees of Commonwealth agencies and/or their agents or contractors in performing their duties relating to irregular maritime arrivals or other persons detained in the network;
- (m) any issues relating to interaction with States and Territories regarding the detention and processing of irregular maritime arrivals or other persons;

Sub-theme – Managing Incidents

- (k) the level, adequacy and effectiveness of reporting incidents and the response to incidents within the immigration detention network, including relevant policies, procedures, authorities and protocols;
- (h) the reasons for and nature of riots and disturbances in detention facilities;
- (n) the management of good order and public order with respect to the immigration detention network;

Sub-theme – Costs

- (o) the total costs of managing and maintaining the immigration detention network and processing irregular maritime arrivals or other detainees;
- (p) the expansion of the immigration detention network, including the cost and process adopted to establish new facilities;

2. Detention Policy

- (a) any reforms needed to the current Immigration Detention Network in Australia;
- (f) the effectiveness and long-term viability of outsourcing immigration detention centre contracts to private providers;
- (g) the impact, effectiveness and cost of mandatory detention and any alternatives, including community release;
- (l) compliance with the Government's immigration detention values within the detention network;

3. Arrangements for people while in Immigration Detention

- (b) the impact of length of detention and the appropriateness of facilities and services for asylum seekers;
- (d) the health, safety and wellbeing of asylum seekers, including specifically children, detained within the detention network;
- (e) impact of detention on children and families, and viable alternatives;
- (q) the length of time detainees have been held in the detention network, the reasons for their length of stay and the impact on the detention network;

4. Asylum Processing

- (r) processes for assessment of protection claims made by irregular maritime arrivals and other persons and the impact on the detention network;