

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

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Question:

Were issues in May of the potential to further expand the network after the existing expansion of Darwin and Curtin a matter of regular discussion between you and the Minister and did you think that you needed to expand it then further? Was it going to be enough?

Answer:

The department has regular and ongoing communications with the Minister about the detention network. During May 2010 anticipated arrival predications and accommodation options were raised during the course of such discussions.

The department is not able to comment on considerations leading to government decisions or possible decisions.