

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

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Question: What I want to know is: in the contract do you require IHMS to get a pharmacist in to regularly do an audit and stocktake of the drugs that are kept on site?

Answer: The *Health Services Contract* requires the Health Services Provider, IHMS, to manage medications in accordance with the Detention Health Standards, Department Health Policy and all relevant state and territory laws. The *Health Services Contract* does not require that audits of medication be conducted by a pharmacist.

IHMS advises that the following medication audits and stocktakes occur at detention facilities:

An external pharmacist audits medications twice yearly on-site.

A monthly stock audit is conducted by Health Services Managers and/or Clinical Team Leaders.

Weekly audits are conducted by on-site Clinical Team Leaders.

Random on-site audits are conducted by IHMS Quality and Audit Manager and the Director of Nursing and/or Medical Director during site visits.