

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

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Question:

That is certainly different to what I understand. I understand the two officers resigned because they were frustrated by a lack of information. That was the proposition that was publicly reported. I am interested that there is a different perspective.

Answer:

On 12 April 2011, the Adelaide Hills Council resolved to negotiate with the department to 'pause' the Community Liaison Project, pending future developments.

The department subsequently met with the Council and both parties agreed to pause the project and, therefore, the Community Liaison Officer positions at Inverbrackie were no longer engaged with effect from 30 June 2011.

It would be a matter for the Adelaide Hills Council to comment on the employment status of the two officers.

The department has developed a strong and proactive role in engaging positively with the local Adelaide Hills community, and the position of a Stakeholder Liaison Officer has been progressively developed throughout the year.