

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

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Question:

a) If you could let me know when the capacity that you had in mind had actually set in terms of the viable options for the department and what was being put forward I would be grateful.

b) In addition to the decision to reopen the Curtin facility, which had been closed by the previous government.

c) Could you also let me know when the decision to transfer people to Northern took place?

Answer:

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

b) The Government announced its decision to reopen the Curtin Immigration Detention Centre (IDC) on 18 April 2010.

c) On 18 April 2010 the Government announced its decision to move single adult males to the Northern IDC in Darwin to ease pressure on facilities at Christmas Island. The first movement of people occurred on 19 April 2010.