

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

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Question: Given what I outlined before and the significant escalation in risk factors around what was occurring on Christmas Island over the months of January and February, in the lead-up to the March riot, why wasn't a similar action taken?

Answer: All agencies involved in irregular maritime arrival (IMA) operations on Christmas Island were aware of the complexities and potential risks associated with overcrowding at the facilities. Any decision to increase the Australian Federal Police presence on Christmas Island was, and continues to be, a matter for that agency.