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The Hon Judi Moylan (MP)
Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
House of Representatives
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Moylan

**Villawood Immigration Detention Centre Redevelopment
Response to Submission by Ambulance Service of New South
Wales**

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) and the Department of Finance and Administration (Finance) would like to take the opportunity to reply to the submission from the Ambulance Service of New South Wales dated 3 March 2006 concerning the redevelopment of Villawood Immigration Detention Centre at Villawood, New South Wales.

The submission from the Ambulance Service highlights the importance of proper design of the new facilities in accordance with ambulance access requirements. The ambulance services guidelines provided with the submission will be taken into consideration when the facility is designed. Consultation with the Ambulance Service through the design phase of the redevelopment will facilitate appropriate ambulance access and patient care.

DIMA and Finance will contact the Ambulance Service of New South Wales to discuss the appropriate design once the formal design phase commences.

Yours sincerely

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