



Review of Detention Centre Contract Management

The Joint Standing Committee on Migration will hold a public hearing next Monday, 10 October 2005 to review the following Auditor-General report:

Audit Report No 1 2005-2006, Management of Detention Centre Contracts – Part B

The report assessed the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs' (DIMIA) management of the detention services contract with Global Solutions Limited (GSL), including the transition period and lessons learned from the previous contract.

The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) acknowledged that the current contract is better structured than previous detention arrangements. However, the Report found that the Contract does not establish clear expectations for the level and quality of services to be delivered; mechanisms to protect the Commonwealth's interests are not clear; and there is insufficient information about the quality of services being delivered and their costs to allow for a value-for-money calculation.

Committee Chairman Mr Don Randall MP says:

“The Committee is interested in following up on the Report's recommendations and other significant issues with the ANAO and DIMIA. Issues that the Committee may focus on at the public hearing include:

- the insurance, liability and indemnity regime in the contract;
- the planning, performance information and monitoring arrangements;
- the financial reporting of the detention function; and
- the management of Commonwealth equipment and assets.”

The hearing will be held in Committee Room 2S1 and commence at 9.30am.

Audit Report No 1 2005-2006 can be found on the ANAO's website at www.anao.gov.au

Further details on the inquiry can be obtained on the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/index.htm> or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4484 or emailing jscm@aph.gov.au.

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