

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE14/056) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Singh (L&CA 14) asked:

Mr Bowles: Late last year there was the force protection review that was commissioned by General Campbell, and then there were broader reviews that we had undertaken from a broader perspective looking at a whole range of risk-related ideas and we are well underway of delivering on all of those issues.

Senator SINGH: Can those Joint Action Task Force reports be tabled?

Mr Bowles: I will take that on notice. I am happy for you to ask some questions, and if General Campbell or I can answer them we will.

Senator SINGH: You cannot provide the committee with copies of those reports?

Mr Bowles: I will take that on notice.

*Answer:*

The Joint Agency Task Force force protection review for the Manus Offshore Processing Centre was carried out in October 2013. There have been three progress reports since this date.

The review and subsequent progress reports are classified for security reasons.

To assist the Committee, attached is an unclassified version of the October 2013 review that includes a summary of recommendations and their progress as at 16 February 2014 and 23 June 2014.

Joint Agency Task Force - Operation Sovereign Borders Manus OPC Force Protection Review

Issue	Summary of Recommendations	Status as at 16 February 2014	Status as at 23 June 2014
Service provider safety training	Formal training that informs service providers on personal safety requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Personal safety training delivered</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete</li> </ul>
Service provider staffing depth	Service providers to ensure sufficient staff at all times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revised management structure and recruiting implemented</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete</li> </ul>
Physical security fencing and lighting	Improve fencing and lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Security fencing and lighting funding approved</li> <li>○ Scoping works underway</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete, further progress:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Excavation works for concrete footing and provision of critical underground services complete</li> <li>○ Construction of security fencing and installation of security lighting is on schedule</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Personnel security and access procedures	Simplify and improve staff access and accounting processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Simplified procedures implemented</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete</li> </ul>
Search warrants	Seek ways to expedite search warrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussions between Department of Immigration and Border Protection and Papua New Guinea officials on contraband searches</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete, further progress:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Amendments to Papua New Guinea (PNG) legislation to allow searches will be put before the PNG Parliament</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Logistics hub located within the internal compound	Relocate logistic s hub away from internal compound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Logistics hub relocation works commenced</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete, further progress:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Key infrastructure has been relocated, however complete relocation remains in progress</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Incident management	Review incident management practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Incident response Team in place.</li> <li>○ Sufficient personal protective equipment available</li> <li>○ All emergency and incident response procedures reviewed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete, further progress:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Comprehensive contingency and emergency management plans in place</li> <li>○ Emergency response team established</li> <li>○ Emergency coordination organisation in place</li> <li>○ Implementation of a Police liaison officer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Community engagement to improve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provincial police accommodation</li> <li>b. Local hospital</li> <li>c. Road maintenance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Lorengau watch house and barracks maintenance.</li> <li>b. Lombrom hospital maintenance.</li> <li>c. Road repair and maintenance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medical services commensurate with local standards available</li> <li>○ Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) aid program schedule of works for road improvement implemented</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially complete, further progress:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Agreement to rebuild the Lorengau Police Station; and</li> <li>○ DFAT road repair and maintenance aid program established</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Potable water availability	Ensure potable water self-sufficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed in February 2014</li> </ul>