

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

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

#### **(BE14/057) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Singh (L&CA 14) asked:

Senator SINGH: What did those reports actually recommend?

Lt Gen. Campbell: Those reports, in their current form, are classified, but we can take it on notice, as the secretary indicated, to look into providing some redacted form of them.

The purpose of the report was to look to the security arrangements and whether there were opportunities to make recommendations on improvements to security settings on Manus in all its forms. You can understand why, therefore, there is a desire for at least some of that information to be classified—because it would speak to what might have been at that time existing or, in some cases, continuing potential weaknesses in security that are being looked to being addressed, with some having been dealt with and some continuing to be dealt with.

Senator SINGH: Right. We will wait for the answer on notice.

*Answer:*

The Joint Agency Task Force force protection review and subsequent progress reports are classified for security reasons.

To assist the Committee, attached is an unclassified version of the Manus Offshore Processing Centre 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	Partially complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal safety training delivered</li> </ul>	Complete
Service provider staffing depth	Service providers to ensure sufficient staff at all times	Partially complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised management structure and recruiting implemented</li> </ul>	Complete
Physical security fencing and lighting	Improve fencing and lighting	Partially complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security fencing and lighting funding approved</li> <li>• Scoping works underway</li> </ul>	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>
Personnel security and access procedures	Simplify and improve staff access and accounting processes	Partially complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simplified procedures implemented</li> </ul>	Complete
Search warrants	Seek ways to expedite search warrant	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>	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>
Logistics hub located within the internal compound	Relocate logistic s hub away from internal compound	Partially complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logistics hub relocation works commenced</li> </ul>	Partially complete, further progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key infrastructure has been relocated, however complete relocation remains in progress</li> </ul>
Incident management	Review incident management practices	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>	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>

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<p>Community engagement to improve:</p> <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. Lombok hospital maintenance.</li> <li>c. Road repair and maintenance</li> </ul>	<p>Partially complete:</p> <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>	<p>Partially complete, further progress:</p> <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>
<p>Potable water availability</p>	<p>Ensure potable water self-sufficiency</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>Completed in February 2014</p>