

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Outcome 2**

**Question No. 67**

**Senator Ludlam asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:**

Is there any Commonwealth responsibility pertaining to the extended detention of the 12 Sri Lankan men prosecuted with crimes that occurred late last year on Christmas Island? How would legal assistance be made available to them, and is there anything the Government can do to speed up the process around their continued detention?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

Eleven men, comprising nine Sri Lankans and two Afghanis, have been charged over a disturbance at the Christmas Island Detention Centre. The men remain in immigration detention on bail.

The Commonwealth, represented by the Attorney-General's Department (Territories Division), has Service Delivery Arrangements with the WA Government for provision of services to the Indian Ocean Territories. The types of services provided under these Services Delivery Arrangements include court and registry services, state solicitor's office and public advocate, legal aid and corrective services.