JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK

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Detention Centre Plans and Facilities

Question: How many mental health professionals are engaged permanently or temporarily at detention facilities on the mainland? Please provide details of the services that they provide.

Answer: The department requested this information from the contracted health service provider, International Health and Medical Services (IHMS), and the following table was provided in response.

This states that as at 30 June 2011, there were 75.5 full time equivalent mental health professionals engaged at mainland immigration detention facilities, distributed as follows.

	Mental Health Team Leader	Psychologist	Mental Health Nurse	Counsellor	Total
BITA	0	1	1	0	2
Leonora	1	1	1	0	3
DALAPOD	1	2	2	2	7
DALAPOD 3	1	2	5	1	9
NIDC	1	2	5	1.5	9.5
Port Augusta	0	1	1	0	2
Curtin	1	3	4	2	10
MITA	1	1	1	1	4
MIDC	1	1	0	1	3
VIDC	1	2	2	2	7
Scherger	1	2	4	2	9
PIDC	1	1	0	0	2
Jandakot	0	0	0	0	0
Inverbrackie	1	2	3	2	8
AITA	0	0	0	0	0
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KEY

BITA: Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation

DALAPOD: Darwin Airport Lodge Alternative Place of Detention

DAL3: Darwin Airport Lodge Stage 3

NIDC: Northern Immigration Detention Centre

MITA: Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation

MIDC: Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre

VIDC: Villawood Immigration Detention Centre

PIDC: Perth Immigration Detention Centre

AITA: Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation

The range of medical services available onsite include:

(i) Coordination, management and review of mental health case load by mental health team leader;

(ii) The development and delivery of mental health awareness and education programs;

(iii) Attendance by a mental health team leader at prevention committee meetings;

(iv) Provision of advice by a mental health team leader to the department on placement and behavioural management issues for people in detention;

(v) General counselling services in the form of confidential face-to-face individual and group counselling sessions for people in detention;

(vi) Psychological services in the form of clinical assessment, treatment, management and referral to other clinically appropriate health care providers;

(vii) Specialist psychiatric services (including assessment, treatment, report preparation and liaison with other members of the mental health team). In addition to consultations with referred people in detention, psychiatrists are available to provide telephone advice and assistance, as needed; and

(viii) Behavioural management advice service (including providing advice, education and support to the detention service provider and the department on behavioural management issues; attendance and participation at prevention committees and other workshops, committees and meetings).