

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S
IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK**

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Question: When did the Minister first ask to be briefed by the department on the capacity to respond to a major incident? When did he ask to be briefed on the department's capacity – and Serco's and others – to respond to a major incident? Has he made such a request?

Answer: The department has regular and ongoing communications with the Minister about a range of matters relating to his portfolio. These include operational briefings and general discussions on the immigration detention network at which the Minister may seek advice on a range of issues, including incident management. Any information the Minister may have received around the preparedness of our service provider and other stakeholders to manage an incident would have been provided in these forums.