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Roles, responsibilities and duties of the following Sections, Branches and Divisions.

Detention Assurance Branch.

The Branch is responsible for undertaking assurance activities, including detention assurance, to support the executive and monitor compliance and performance of the department's detention network.

External Scrutiny Section (formerly External Accountability Section)

The External Scrutiny Section manages the Department's relationship with the Australian Human Rights Commission, the Australian Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross. The section provides a coordination function for complaints handling with the Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office in relation to complaint investigations.

Regional Processing Programs and Performance Branch

The Regional Processing Programs and Performance Branch is responsible for delivery of the regional processing and Cambodian resettlement program. This guides the manner and form of services and supports provided to the governments of Nauru and Papua New Guinea in the execution of regional processing arrangements. The Branch also administers the Memorandum of Understanding between Nauru and Australia and the Regional Resettlement Arrangement with Papua New Guinea. The Branch responds to ABF Ministerial correspondence for and on behalf of the Minister and also provides reports, under legislative requirements, to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office on all refugees and transferees that have been in held detention for longer than two years.

Refugee and International Law Section

The Section provides high quality advice and assistance to all areas in the department. Specifically advice is given on Refugee Law and International Law issues, including international trade law and our obligations under various human rights treaties. Refugee and International Law Section provides assistance in the legislative process, in particular assisting policy areas draft Statements of Compatibility with human rights. We also provide assistance in responses to various parliamentary and external committees and inquiries. Finally, the team provides subject matter expert training in subject areas including but not limited to protection visa decision-making, refugee law, complementary protection, international law and duty of care.

Detention Services Division

Detention Services Division supports the onshore Immigration Detention Network and Regional Processing Countries by administering service provider contracts, managing the Detention Estate, procuring services and supporting Australian Border Force Operations.