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Department of Immigration and Border Protection

Submission

For information

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To **Minister for Immigration and Border Protection**

Subject **Consolidation of Services at Offshore Processing Centres**

Timing

Recommendations

That you:

1. Note the department's proposed approach to the consolidation of services as recommended in the Offshore Processing Implementation Programme Cabinet Submission;

(noted) / please discuss

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Minister's Comments

It is critical we maintain the involvement of Save the Children. This outcome must be managed. Also, ~~transfield~~ its advice on employment of an external contract negotiator advice

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Key Issues

Cabinet Submission

To ensure there is region negot. also to deliver service from Transfield.

1. The Offshore Processing Implementation Programme Cabinet Submission discussed the department exploring options to consolidate some existing services to improve quality, efficiency and consistency of service provision, and to ensure the security of Offshore Processing Centres (OPCs) is in line with the government's policy.

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5. The best approach to achieve these objectives and to fully implement the recommendations of the recent force protection review would be to have one service provider deliver garrison (security, catering and cleaning) and welfare services at both OPCs with specialist sub-contractors where necessary.

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7. Transfield Services are the current garrison provider on Nauru and have been performing well. The department's view is that Transfield have provided the best solution at OPCs and present the

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lowest risk to the implementation a more consolidated approach to service delivery across the two OPCs.

8. Internal advice is that the preferred procurement method to achieve this outcome, and extend arrangements to October 2015, would be to approach Transfield directly with a limited tender to provide garrison and welfare services at the Nauru and Manus OPCs.

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11. The department's intention is that Save the Children will remain as the service provider for children and their families as a sub-contractor to Transfield. However, there is a risk that Save the Children will not agree with this approach.

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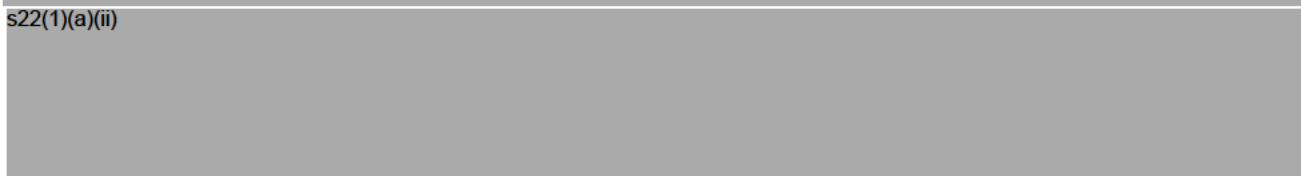


14. Discussions will also be held with Save the Children to continue to provide specialist services for children and to seek agreement to sub-contracting arrangements with Transfield.

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Delivery of services

- Transfield have a proven record of delivering a range of the services required in difficult environments with high quality and in very short timeframes.
- The department has held exploratory 'what if' discussions with Transfield and they have already commenced planning for this eventuality. The department has confidence they will be able to deliver the required services to a high standard.
- The services required will be clearly articulated in the RFQ and Transfield have the opportunity to sub-contract elements of the services (for example welfare) if they do not have the internal expertise.

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Background

23. All contracts for offshore detention services will expire in January 2014, including contracts for the provision of:

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- welfare services (including programs and activities) on Manus and Nauru held by the Salvation Army. This contract expires on **31 January 2014** and has a current value of approximately **\$94.6 million**;

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- education services for children on Nauru and on Manus Island, should children be transferred to this centre, held by Save the Children. This contract expires on **31 January 2014** and has a current value of **\$17.4 million**.

24. The values above are the maximum values based on current maximum capacities (1400 transferees on Manus and 1500 transferees on Nauru) of the centres as reported on AusTender.

Consultation – internal/external

Contracts and Procurements Branch has been consulted and provided input to the preparation of this submission.

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