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Sent: Monday, 14 January 2019 4:49 PM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @ABF.GOV.AU>

Subject: Review of Security Risk Assessment Tool Project- Data Clarification

Dear s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I hope this email finds you well. My name is s. 47F(1) and I am part of the team from Griffith University working on the Review of Security Assessment Tool Project (alongside s. 47F(1)). s. 47F(1) passed along your contact information so that I may contact you directly regarding the data that ABF has provided us for the project.

I am assuming you are aware of the data that has been provided to our team, so I will jump straight into some questions that I have regarding the data, as well as some bits of data that we requested but have not been provided with. Any clarification you can provide on the following would be greatly appreciated. Apologies in advance that there are a number of points.

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Many thanks and kind regards,

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To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Re: Project Update - Review of Security Risk Assessment Tool project [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for emailing me regarding this.

As I was running some analysis I ran across a fairly significant issue in the data that you provided me which has been a source of confusion. It would seem that there is an error in the way the citizenship of detainees has been recorded, as some of my analysis is showing that 1 person from a certain country has been involved in over 3000 incidents over the period of 2018, which not only seems incredibly unfeasible, but also very unlikely as looking at the list of participants in these incidents a number of people from that country appear, not just one person. This issue comes up with multiple cases, which is worrying as this means the whole dataset may have issues through it. Is there any chance you could take a look at the dataset you sent me and whether or not there is an issue with the data?

Also, we were hoping to start with the interviews ASAP, ideally with those at s. 47F(1) as that is local to us. How can we get the ball rolling in terms of liaising with the participants to organise interview times and having them sign consent forms etc?

Many thanks and warmest wishes,

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Hi s. 47F(1)

With regards to the below email, I note Professor s. 47F(1) indicates we are working on the major issue so I thought I would touch base and see if you require anything from me.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Regards

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From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Wednesday, 20 March 2019 3:54 PM

To: Vanessa HOLBEN

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ;
Claire REES

Subject: Re: Project Update - Review of Security Risk Assessment Tool project [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Vanessa

I had a meeting this morning with the team. It appears we have come across another major issue with the data. This often happens when analysing administrative data collected for operational purposes. s. 47F(1) is sorting this out with s. 22(1)(a)(ii) but it may mean redoing all the analyses. We are planning on starting the interviews and are optimistic that this will not blow out our timeframes again.

s. 47F(1)

Professor s. 47F(1)

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Subject: Re: Project Update - Review of Security Risk Assessment Tool project [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Thank you Vanessa. s. 47F(1)

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Professor s. 47F(1)

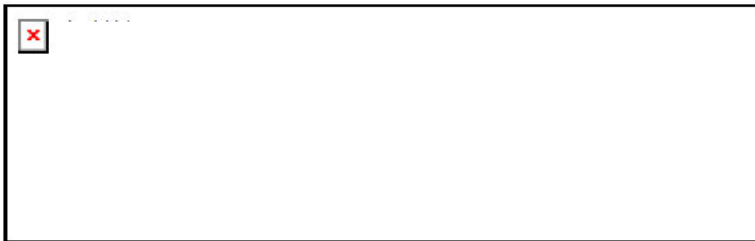
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Hi s. 47F(1)

End of May for the three reports is acceptable to the ABF.

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Subject: Re: Project Update - Review of Security Risk Assessment Tool project [DLM=For-Official-Use Only]

This morning we revisited the project timelines. Unfortunately there have been a couple of hitches along the way with the project. The original timeframe had us receiving the administrative data on the 3 December. We received these data on the 5 February. In addition, we should have completed our interviews with stakeholders by now. s. 47F(1) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii) have been working together to identify appropriate interviewees but we have not yet commenced the interviews.

We will be unable to meet the delivery of the Aim 1 report by the 15 March. While concentrating on the Aim 1 report requirements we have missed the deadlines for the Aim 2 report (15 Feb - delivery for consultation) and the Aim 3 report (delivery for consultation 1 March). These two reports (and the data cleaning and analyses for the Aim 1 report) are progressing well. However, they still require additional work.

Until we commence the interviews it is difficult to provide an estimate of when the Aim 1 report will be completed. Assuming the interviews commence in the next two week I anticipate that we will be able to deliver all three reports by the end of May.

Would this be acceptable to the Australia Border Force?

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Hi [s. 47F(1)]

Thank you for your email and Happy New Year.

I will let [s. 47F(1)] and his team work through what the requirements are in order for the interviews to take place.

I am likely to travel to [s. 47F(1)] in the next month, my [s. 47F(1)] [s. 22(1)(a)(ii)] will arrange and be in contact so we can give you [s. 47F(1)].

Thanks

Vanessa

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I hope you had a great Xmas and New Year and a restful break. s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

We also have Griffith Ethics approval for the interviews. Our next step is to discuss the identification and recruitment of the interviewees. In-line with the contract this is the process we have ethics approval for. I have attached the approved project information sheet.

A purposive sample of key stakeholders will be contacted by the Australian Border Force. In other words, participants will be identified and invited to partake in an interview by the Australian Border Force (ABF) on behalf of the research team. The research team will not be provided contact details for prospective participants. It is expected that up to 47 participants will partake in a semi-structured interview. All participants will be over 18 years. ABF will liaise with their contractor organizations (SERCO and International Health and Medical Services) to secure approvals for their staff to participate in the research.

Recruitment will be conducted through a third party organisation (Australian Border Force) by e-mail letters. The email will include the project's information sheet which will outline the project's purpose, risks and benefits.

I believe that you are planning on being in s. 47F(1) in the near future - perhaps we could meet to discuss?
Everyone is still keen on a trip to the detention centre.

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Minute

To: Group Manager Immigration Detention Group

Date: 16 March 2020

Final Report: Improving Risk Assessment of Immigration Detainees

Timing

At your earliest convenience.

Purpose

To:

1. Seek endorsement for Detention Operations to engage Queensland Corrective Services in discussions on a psychometrically sound screening assessment tool, as resources permit, as suggested by Griffith University; and
2. Seek endorsement for Detention Operations to request FOI redactions of interviewee participation information within the Griffith University's Final Report – Improving Risk Assessment of Immigration Detainees.

Background

3. In late 2018, the Australian Border Force (ABF) invited the Griffith University to undertake a project on Improving Risk Assessment of Immigration Detainees. Stage 1 of the project entailed the Griffith University preparing a report detailing:
 - i. An understanding of the concept of risk in Australian immigration detention facilities;
 - ii. Review of the current empirical work concerning risk in immigration detention facilities;
 - iii. Background on the development, function and psychometric properties actuarial risk assessment tools; and
 - iv. Identifying and assessing any risk assessment tools available that meet the need of the ABF.
4. In late 2019, the Griffith University provided its final report, containing a number of key findings for further consideration by the ABF. Please see pages 13 through 22 of Attachment A – Final Report: Improving Risk Assessment of Immigration Detainees.
5. Detention Operations has carefully examined the report to create an issues register that catalogues all references to improvements, deficiencies and considerations. This register will assist Detention Operations in determining future priorities in response to the report.

Issues

Key Findings

6. The Griffith University has determined it is not possible to proceed with Stage 2 (investigate the viability of building or validating a psychometrically valid and reliable risk assessment tool) or Stage 3 (build the tool) of this project on the basis that ABF data systems do not have the information required to conduct the necessary analyses to build a psychometrically sound assessment tool.
7. Further, there are no already established tools with sound psychometric properties for the population of detainees.
8. Griffith University suggested that a case could be made for implementing a psychometrically sound screening assessment tool that they developed for s. 22(1)(a)(ii), s. 47F(1) [REDACTED], and we would need to work with s. 47F(1), s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [REDACTED] to access their intellectual property in that tool.
9. Should this option be considered, Griffith University has indicated the ABF may need to adjust its data collection processes in order to validate the s. 47F(1), s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [REDACTED] tool.
10. Since December 2019, Detention Operations has and is continuing to experience extraordinary resourcing priorities associated to bushfires and COVID-19 response activities, limiting our ability to progress the outcomes of report in a manner that assists in achieving a new and more reliable risk assessment tool.
11. Should resource pressures associated with current operational priorities be alleviated, Detention Operations recommends examining processes of s. 47F(1), s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [REDACTED] with a view to investigating if their screening assessment tool could be obtained and modified for the immigration detention context.

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Consultation

Nil.

Recommendation

It is recommended that you endorse Detention Operations engaging with s. 47F(1), s. 22(1)(a)(ii) as resources permit.

Agreed ☐

Noted ☐

It is recommended that you endorse Detention Operations' position seeking FOI redactions of interviewee participation.

Agreed ☐

Noted ☐

Claire Rees

Commander Detention Operations

02 s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

March 2020

Kaylene Zakharoff

Group Manager Immigration Detention Group

March 2020

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Attachments:

Attachment A – Final Report: Improving Risk Assessment of Immigration Detainees



Minute

To: Assistant Secretary, Audit and Assurance Branch
Through: A/g Commander Detention Operations
Date: 16 September 2020

PROPOSAL TO CLOSE IMMIGRATION DETENTION GROUP RECOMMENDATION THREE – DAT 03/2016

Timing

Seeking finalisation prior to the next Audit Committee on 19 November 2020.

Purpose

To:

1. Seek the closure of recommendation listed in the below table.

Report name	Report Finding
DAT 03/2016 Management of Detainee Risk Use of Pat-Down Searches and Restraints During Escorted Medical Appointments – Recommendations.	Recommendation 3B and 3C The Department should: B) Through consultation with the Risk Section and FDSP, arrange an independent review of the FDSP Security Risk Assessment Tool (SRAT). The review should assess the SRATs technical methodology for articulating risk and provide greater transparency and assurance over the tools inputs, quality, performance and reliability. The SRAT should be aligned with the Department's Risk policy, framework and matrix. C) Ensure governance, protocol and reporting arrangements are in place to support the SRAT, including a formal monitor and review program to document change to the scope and/or application of the tool.

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Held Detention – by Placement and Escort Risk

- Current statistical data (2023) and related information on percentage of immigration detainees categorised as High & Extreme Risk by the ABF/Serco Secure Risk Assessment Template (SRAT) for the purposes of:
 - o Placement in the detention network; and
 - o Transportation/escort.

As at 15 November 2023, there were 928 people in held detention. Of these:

- 716 (77.2% of held detention cohort) were categorized as high or extreme risk for placement; and
- 747 (80.5% of held detention cohort) detention were categorised as high or extreme risk for escort.

Author	Detention, Regional Processing and Community Reporting
Data Sources	Departmental Systems
Data Date	15 November 2023
Cleared For	External Use
Notes	<i>Note: information is based on departmental systems data as at 6am 16 November 2023.</i>

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