



## North West Point Immigration Detention Centre – transition to contingency arrangement

The Department of Home Affairs can confirm that the North West Point Immigration Detention Facility will transition into a contingency arrangement by the end of 2018.

By October 2018, all remaining detainees will have transferred to other sites.

The Australian Border Force and its service provider Serco will maintain a presence on Christmas Island as the centre moves into contingency arrangements.

The centre, as well as two other facilities on Christmas Island (Construction Camp and Phosphate Hill) will be kept in a state of operational readiness so they can be re-opened at short notice if needed. Departmental facilities will need to be maintained, including the staff accommodation. A tender process to find a suitable service provider for this work is continuing and negotiations are currently underway with the preferred tenderer. The community will be given further advice once a contract is signed.

The decision to move to a contingency arrangement on Christmas Island was announced by the Australian Government in the 2016-17 Federal Budget.

The Australian Government will continue to support the Christmas Island economy through this period of transition.

For more information visit:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/immigration-detention-in-australia/locations/closure-of-detention-facilities>