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Dear Auditor-General

I write regarding your audit into the procurement of garrison support and welfare services.

I welcome your decision to proceed with an examination of whether the Department of Home Affairs has appropriately managed the procurement of garrison support and welfare services for immigration processing centres.

These contracts represent a significant cost to taxpayers and the services that have been contracted do have an impact on the recipients, namely the asylum seekers on Manus and Nauru.

While questions around the contract awarded to the Paladin group of companies may have been the impetus for this audit, I commend your decision to broaden the scope of the audit to consider the procurement process and contractor performance of all contracted service providers in Papua New Guinea and Nauru.

Given the keen public interest, I would ask that in providing your report, you provide as much detail as possible regarding the process undertaken to negotiate and award the contracts, including whether departmental policy was consistently adhered to in all cases and whether this procurement policy is sufficiently robust. Also, given the reported profit-taking of some providers, whether sufficient due diligence was carried out to assess value for money.

I am happy to discuss this in person should you wish.

Best regards


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