



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Management Response to Independent Review of Australia's Humanitarian Logistics Capability

Summary

Mr Laurie Dunn of Strategic Development Associates reviewed the 2011 Humanitarian Logistics Framework, in August 2017. The independent review involved a desktop study of relevant documents, consultations with relevant personnel and a draft document for comment before the final submission on 28 August 2017.

DFAT agrees with the review recommendations. The review highlights humanitarian logistic arrangements that have effectively supported Australia's response to date. The recommendations provided will inform DFAT's longer-term approach to delivering effective humanitarian logistics support.

The Humanitarian Operations Section (HOS) within the Humanitarian, NGOs and Partnerships Division (HPD), DFAT will implement the action plan identified in this management response.

Independent Review	DFAT			
Recommendations	Response	Explanation	Action plan	Timeframe
Recommendation 1 <i>That the strategic role played by logistics in humanitarian emergency response be re-articulated and updated by DFAT considering new approaches and new thinking post the World Humanitarian Summit and that it be captured in a way that enables it to evolve over time. Any update should include an explicit consideration of the resources needed support logistics and the way in which priorities such as disability inclusion, gender and protection are best addressed.</i>	Agree	An updated framework will inform DFAT's humanitarian logistics approach over the next ten years. To ensure effectiveness, the framework will include specific review points to ensure a fit for purpose approach given the evolving humanitarian needs and approaches to humanitarian assistance regionally and internationally.	1. New framework to be design based on consultations with key Australian whole of Government partners	1. By end October 2017
Recommendation 2 <i>The Humanitarian Logistics Period Offer should form the basis for the re-design of DFAT's approach to logistics support for humanitarian emergency response.</i>	Agree	Using the Humanitarian Logistics Period Offer as the starting point for re-design indicates that the current approach is working. Design consultations will further inform the necessary services required to deliver on DFAT's commitments as articulated in the Humanitarian Strategy.	1. Design for new logistics arrangement completed 2. Request for tender released 3. New Contractors in place	1. By December 2017 2. By January 2018 3. By May/June 2018
Recommendation 3 <i>DFAT should review or examine whether Australia's ongoing membership of the UNHRD Network is the most effective means of delivering geographical reach beyond the Pacific.</i>	Agree	Based on the new logistics framework (recommendation 1), DFAT will conduct a review of our UNHRD membership to determine value add.	1. Review of UNHRD arrangement completed as part of design (recommendation 2)	1. By December 2017