



## STATEMENT

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**DEATH ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND**

Labor is aware of the death of a man from the Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre.

This is a tragic incident and our thoughts go to the family and friends of this man.

We understand this is now the subject of a coronial inquiry. It is important we determine exactly what happened and what the circumstances of his death were.

It is also appropriate that this process is conducted with transparency.

Labor has sought a briefing from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection into the details of this incident.

Labor is also aware of reports about unrest at the Christmas Island facility following this incident.

The Government needs to immediately provide an assurance that people within this facility are safe.

There needs to be greater transparency of all Australian funded facilities.

Labor would put in place independent oversight of all Australian funded facilities.

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