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**MEETING WITH AFGHAN NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF SECURITY ON
DETAINEE ISSUES AND FUTURE ENGAGEMENT WITH NZSIS**

1. On 15 September 2010 I met ^{PSR(sen)1, PSR} from the National Directorate of Security's Foreign Liaison Department, known as Department ^{PSR}, to address New Zealand's concern over detainee issues.
2. NDS were cooperative and friendly and have agreed to answer (through us) any questions that New Zealand has on the issue. They have also agreed to show me inside their Detention Centre known as Department ^{PSR}. We have not yet arranged dates to do this. I will contact them after the election and arrange a suitable time for both activities.
3. **NZ Ambassador** has been advised accordingly. I have also asked that MFAT forward a list of requirements through him to us in this regard.
4. I did not address the issue of either the Ambassador or myself meeting with NDS Director General ^{PSR(sen)1, PSR(IC)3} at this stage, opting instead to put some distance between the two issues.
5. In addition to discussing detainee issues I also addressed the issue of ongoing NZSIS NDS engagement post deployment.
6. It is Department ^{PSR(S)1} Foreign Liaison, who have responsibility for any ongoing relationship with NZSIS and who represent NDS as a whole on this matter not Department ^{PSR(S)1} Counter Terrorism. (Although we have to acknowledge the importance that Department **B** has in this).
7. The fact that the issue was raised was well received. I emphasised that while we saw merit in remaining engaged post deployment we were not yet sure what form this would take. I suggested that this would be unlikely to include an ongoing presence in Afghanistan, it might include other options like regular visits of a short term nature but more realistically it could just include establishing a mechanism for ongoing communications. NDS, who are cognisant of our resource constraints, were not fazed by this. They are keen to discuss our ongoing relationship but noted that there was no rush to do this immediately.

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