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Gender Integration Implementation Plans: *RFI #10*

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i. Navy: During the December 2019 briefing for RFI 7, the Navy Special Warfare briefer stated there were two initiatives to be implemented involving the installation of camera security systems in stairwells and common areas. Conversely, the March 2020 RFI 10 written response from Commander, Navy Installations Command, stated that cameras are not a requirement in unaccompanied housing. Please explain the inconsistency between the two responses provided.

RFI Response:

i. Navy: NSW continues to support camera systems in barracks housing NSW students. There are security cameras commonly installed in NSW facilities, including in the common areas and exterior stairwells of NSW barracks. Although the installation of security cameras is identified in NSW's 2015 Female Integration Implementation Plan, this installation is not specifically a result of gender integration. Camera installation and operation is instead an overall NSW measure to provide general security awareness surrounding NSW facilities and keep accountability of all students participating in the rigorous training pipelines. Taking into consideration lessons learned from training events in the past (not pertaining to gender integration), the cameras serve as security and preventative liability: the demanding and difficult nature of the training pipelines and the resultant crucial accountability of the students render the cameras necessary in NSW, whereas they may not be as essential in housings elsewhere in the fleet. CNIC Note 11103 Ser 9 of 20 Sep 20, provides guidance for dissolving the UH CCTV program as well as the process to obtain authorization for a system. It is incumbent upon NSW to fund the camera systems, to include the authority to operate, for barracks housing NSW students to achieve NSW requirements.

Hours Expended Answering this RFI: 3 hours

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iii. Please clarify any facility changes still required regardless of the category of funding (i.e., MILCOM, O&M, etc.).

RFI Response:

iii. Navy: *There are no known CNIC Enterprise efforts regarding restructure of Unaccompanied Housing (UH) Facilities to separate gender.*

The construction standard for UH has not changed during the period of JAN 2016 thru JAN 2020. The current construction and assignment standards allow for gender separation at the UH facility unit level vs. by building, floor, wing or separate gender facility. UH construction for accession students is a Shared Bedroom Private Bath (2+0) units.

Hours Expended Answering this RFI: <1

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