

## **Inspection to the Detention Centre for Foreigners of the Police and Border Guard Board**

On 29 November 2013 advisers to the Chancellor of Justice paid a follow-up visit to inspect the Detention Centre (formerly the Expulsion Centre) for Foreigners of the Migration Bureau of the Citizenship and Migration Department of the Police and Border Guard Board.

As a result of the inspection the Chancellor of Justice repeats the following recommendations made to the Director General of the Police and Border Guard Board:

- the reasons for using handcuffs must be related to circumstances characterising the specific expelled person, not just the elementary threat of escape, and the relevant reasons must be indicated in the permit to leave the centre or in any other documents concerning expulsion;
- on the expulsion plan added to the permit to leave the expulsion centre, document whether a member of the expulsion team was present when a health service was provided and whether it occurred on the request of a doctor, and if permission to use restraining measures was granted, it should be recorded whether handcuffs were used during the provision of the health service.

The Chancellor of Justice also makes the following recommendations to the Director General of the Police and Border Guard Board:

- inform the Chancellor of Justice when the roundtable with the Health Board about the determination of food rations is due to take place as well as of the results of the roundtable;
- provide an extra meal to persons who need to eat more frequently due to health reasons and contact the centre's doctor to identify such persons;
- consider the possibilities of organising catering in the centre in such a way that during the evening meal the detainees are given the main meal and also a food component they can save for later (e.g. additional slices of bread, fruit or packaged yoghurt);
- when persons coming from a cultural environment that differs significantly from that of Estonia are detained, possibilities of diversifying the menu in cooperation with the caterer should be considered so that different eating habits and manners are given more consideration;
- allow persons detained in the centre to receive psychological counselling with the assistance of an interpreter, if necessary.

The Chancellor of Justice advises the Minister of the Interior to take on board the various observations about the need to consider different diets and the organisation of meals presented in this and earlier summaries when updating the Obligation to Leave and Prohibition on Entry Act and the internal rules of procedure of the centre.