

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S  
IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK**

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**Question:** How many suicides and suicide attempts have there been in detention over the past 24 months?

**Answer:** The detention service provider is required to report all self harm or threatened self harm incidents on the departmental reporting system. Detention service provider staff are not qualified to assess whether a self harm incident is actually a suicide attempt. There have been 9 deaths in immigration detention in the period between February 2010 and February 2012. To date, coronial inquests have found the cause of death in 3 cases was suicide. Inquests for the remaining six deaths are still ongoing.