

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK

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Question: Reiterating and updating the information we had a few weeks ago in Canberra, I would also like to know the number of cases of self-harm and attempted suicide and the ages of any children involved.

Answer: From 1 July 2011 to 26 September 2011, 26 minors in immigration detention facilities were involved in 36 self harm incidents.

The 36 self harm incidents consisted of:

- 17 actual self harm incidents;
- 18 threatened self harm incidents; and
- One serious attempted self harm incident.

18 clients were involved in a single self harm incident only and 8 clients were involved in two or more self harm incidents.

Age	Number of clients
0 to 6 years	0
7 to 12 yrs	0
13 to 17 yrs	26

From 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, 56 minors in immigration detention facilities were involved in 87 self harm incidents.

The 87 self harm incidents consisted of:

- 56 actual self harm incidents;
- 30 threatened self harm incidents; and
- One serious attempted self harm incident.

Forty clients were involved in a single self harm incident only and 16 clients were involved in two or more self harm incidents.

Age	Number of clients
0 to 6 years	0
7 to 12 yrs	1
13 to 17 yrs	55