

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 3.5: Onshore Compliance and Detention

AE25-349 - Immigration detention - Incidents of self-harm

Senator David Shoebridge asked:

How many incidents of self-harm (broken down by threatened and actual) have been recorded in immigration detention facilities (over the last five years)? Please provide a breakdown by year and facility.

Answer:

Between 01 July 2020 and 31 December 2024 there were a total of 1,717 threats of detainee self-harm incidents reported and 607 actual self-harm incidents reported in the Immigration Detention Network.

Table 1 - FY 2020 – 2021

2020 - 2021	Self Harm – Threatened Incidents	Self Harm - Actual Incidents	Total
Adelaide IDC	<10	<10	12
Brisbane IDC	60	37	97
Melbourne IDC	68	43	111
North West Point IDF	<30	<5	29
Northern APOD	9	0	9
Perth IDC	43	10	53
Villawood IDC	248	73	321
Yongah Hill IDC	61	25	86
Total	523	195	718

*Figures are based on the number of incidents rather than the number of participants.
Figures are based on departmental systems data as at 6am 1 January 2025.*

Table 2 - FY 2021 – 2022

2021 - 2022	Self-Harm – Threatened Incidents	Self-Harm - Actual Incidents	Total
Adelaide IDC	<5	0	<5
Brisbane IDC	27	7	34
Melbourne IDC	83	37	120
North West Point IDF	17	8	25
Northern APOD	<5	<5	<5
Perth IDC	<25	<10	28
Villawood IDC	242	69	311
Yongah Hill IDC	50	43	93
Total	442	173	615

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Table 3 - FY 2022 – 2023

2022 - 2023	Self-Harm – Threatened Incidents	Self-Harm - Actual Incidents	Total
Adelaide IDC	<5	0	<5
Brisbane IDC	38	9	47
Melbourne IDC	63	30	93
North West Point IDF	<40	<5	42
Perth IDC	10	13	23
Villawood IDC	150	35	185
Yongah Hill IDC	45	<10	<55
Total	345	98	443

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Table 4 - FY 2023 – 2024

2023 - 2024	Self-Harm – Threatened Incidents	Self-Harm - Actual Incidents	Total
Adelaide IDC	<10	<5	8
Brisbane IDC	<25	<5	24
Melbourne IDC	57	23	80
North West Point IDF	<5	0	<5
Northern APOD	<5	0	<5
Perth IDC	<10	<5	12
Villawood IDC	141	34	175
Yongah Hill IDC	24	10	34
Total	264	74	338

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Table 5 - FY 2024 – 2025 (to 31 December 2024)

2024 - 2025	Self-Harm – Threatened Incidents	Self-Harm - Actual Incidents	Total
Brisbane IDC	11	<5	<15
Melbourne IDC	25	26	51
Northern APOD	<5	0	<5
Perth IDC	8	0	8
Villawood IDC	85	38	123
Yongah Hill IDC	<15	<5	15
Total	143	67	210

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