

Question on notice no. 480

Portfolio question number: SE23-480

2022-23 Supplementary Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Australian Border Force on 13 February 2023—

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

a. Please provide a breakdown by year and facility.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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

SE23-480 - Visa Cancellation and Detention - Incidents of Self-harm

Senator Nick McKim 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)?

a. Please provide a breakdown by year and facility.

Answer:

Between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2022, there were a total of **874** incidents of self-harm (actual) and, **2180** incidents of self-harm (threatened).

Year/Facility	Self-Harm - Actual	Self-Harm - Threatened
2018		
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation (ITA)	<5	0
Brisbane ITA	<10	29
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre (IDC)	41	37
Melbourne ITA	23	63
Christmas Island North West Point Immigration Detention Centre (NWPIDC)	14	31
Perth IDC	26	45
Villawood IDC	48	113
Yongah Hill IDC	38	48
2018 Total	200	366
2019		
Adelaide ITA	<5	<5
Brisbane ITA	21	50
Melbourne ITA	33	88
Northern Alternative Place Of Detention (APOD)	<5	<5
Perth IDC	24	37
Christmas Island, Phosphate Hill APOD	0	<5
Villawood IDC	52	205
Yongah Hill IDC	12	36
2019 Total	145	422

2020		
Adelaide ITA	11	<5
Brisbane ITA	25	69
Melbourne ITA	34	101
Christmas Island, NWPIDC	<5	12
Northern APOD	<5	<10
Perth IDC	35	62
Villawood IDC	74	210
Yongah Hill IDC	19	56
2020 Total	201	522
2021		
Adelaide ITA	<5	<10
Brisbane ITA	28	36
Melbourne ITA	42	80
Christmas Island, NWPIDC	<5	26
Northern APOD	<5	<5
Perth IDC	9	31
Villawood IDC	67	233
Yongah Hill IDC	40	64
2021 Total	194	479
2022		
Adelaide ITA	0	<5
Brisbane ITA	6	35
Melbourne ITA	40	63
Christmas Island, NWPIDC	7	31
Perth IDC	8	<20
Villawood IDC	52	203
Yongah Hill IDC	21	39
2022 Total	134	391
Total for 5 years	874	2,180