

Question on notice no. 715

Portfolio question number: BE23-715

2023-24 Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Australian Border Force on 16 June 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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Program 3.5: Onshore Compliance and Detention

BE23-715 - 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:

Table 1: Self Harm incidents broken down by facility and type (FY2018-19)

2018-19	Self-Harm - Actual	Self-Harm - Threatened	Total
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	<5	<5	<5
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	8	37	45
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	6	22	28
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	34	80	114
North West Point Immigration Facility	<5	<10	<10
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	31	40	71
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	57	179	236
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	23	35	58
Total	161	400	561

Table 2: Self Harm incidents broken down by facility and type (FY2019-20)

2019-20	Self-Harm - Actual	Self-Harm - Threatened	Total
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	<10	<5	12
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	27	63	90
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	34	114	148
Northern Alternative Place of Detention	<5	<5	<10
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	42	60	102
Phosphate Hill Alternative Place of Detention	0	<5	<5
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	59	171	230
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	12	47	59
Total	185	462	647

Table 3: Self Harm incidents broken down by facility and type (FY2020-21)

2020-21	Self-Harm - Actual	Self-Harm - Threatened	Total
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	5	7	12
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	37	60	97
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	43	68	111
North West Point Immigration Facility	<5	<30	29
Northern Alternative Place of Detention	0	9	9
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	10	43	53
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	73	248	321
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	25	61	86
Total	195	523	718

Table 4: Self Harm incidents broken down by facility and type (FY2021-22)

2021-22	Self-Harm - Actual	Self-Harm - Threatened	Total
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	0	<5	<5
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	7	27	34
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	37	83	120
North West Point Immigration Facility	8	17	25
Northern Alternative Place of Detention	<5	<5	<5
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	<10	<25	28
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	69	242	311
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	43	50	93
Total	173	442	615

Table 5: Self Harm incidents broken down by facility and type (FY2022-23)

2022-23 (as at 31 March 2023)	Self-Harm - Actual	Self-Harm - Threatened	Total
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	0	<5	<5
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	<10	<30	32
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	27	46	73
North West Point Immigration Facility	<5	31	<35
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	13	10	23
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	30	111	141
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	6	34	40
Total	84	260	344