

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/008) - Ratio of self-harm incidents - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Leyonhjelm, David (L&CA 26) asked:

CHAIR: Are there any broad statistics on whether the self-harm is done by older people or younger people, men or women?

Mr Pezzullo: I am sure we would have that data. It might be useful both to get that data and to remind ourselves what was published by The Australian and try to reverse engineer the numbers they seem to be working on.

Senator KIM CARR: You should go to the source. Ask them what they provided The Australian.

Mr Pezzullo: We might just look at the article first. We are sort of boxing at shadows.

Senator KIM CARR: It might just save you a bit of time, that's all.

Senator LEYONHJELM: You may want to take this on notice as well. Given what appears to be, from the numbers you have just read out, significantly more instances of self-harm at domestic detention centres than on Manus or Nauru, would you like to provide the committee with a ratio? What proportion of self-harm relative to the number of detainees is there in each of those three locations?

Mr Pezzullo: We will need to take that on notice. You need to do it on a ratio basis because the absolute numbers are different.

Senator LEYONHJELM: I understand. That is why I suggested you might like to take it on notice.

Mr Pezzullo: We will take it on notice.

Answer:

For the period January 2015 to December 2015, the actual self-harm incidents reported are as follows:

Actual Self-harm Incidents at the RPC on Nauru for 2015		
	Incidents	Percentage of the Relevant Population
Total - Minors	8	0.7%
Total - Adults	67	1.0%
Total	75	

Actual Self-harm Incidents at the RPC on Manus for 2015		
	Incidents	Percentage of the Relevant Population
Total - Adults	40	0.3%

Actual Self-harm Incidents in Australian Immigration Detention Facilities for 2015		
	Incidents	Percentage of the Relevant Population
Total - Minors	21	1.4%
Total - Adults	518	2.3%
Total	539	

(note: the percentage of the relevant population is based on the monthly average population across the period)