

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(179) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash (L&CA 109) asked:

Since 2007, 1) how many reported hunger strike incidents occurred in all the immigration detention centres? 2) Can that figure be broken down annually? 3) Of those, how many required hospitalisation? 4) How did this compare retrospectively each year since 2001? 5) How many reported hunger strike incidents have occurred in detention centres – it is the same list that I mentioned previously – since 2007

*Answer:*

- 1) Since 1 July 2007, there have been 472 clients with reports of an incident of voluntary starvation up to 28 February 2011.
- 2) The figures can be broken down annually as given in the table below.

| <b>Financial Year</b>              | <b>Number of Clients<br/>with Voluntary<br/>Starvation<br/>incidents</b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 July 2010 to<br>28 February 2011 | 200                                                                      |
| 2009-10                            | 219                                                                      |
| 2008-09                            | 26                                                                       |
| 2007-08                            | 27                                                                       |
| 2006-07                            | 128                                                                      |
| 2005-06                            | 164                                                                      |
| 2004-05                            | 195                                                                      |
| 2003-04                            | 95                                                                       |
| 2002-03                            | 55                                                                       |
| 2001-02                            | 969                                                                      |

- 3) 26 clients attended a hospital within the reported period 1 July 2010 to 28 February 2011.
- 4) See table above for comparison (response to Q 2)
- 5) See table above (response to Q 2)