

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(190) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Provide a breakdown of the number of self harm incidents reported by detention centre - Christmas Island, Villawood, Northern, Maribyrnong, Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation, Scherger, Leonora and Inverbrackie since 18 November 2010, excluding hunger strikes? 2) How many of these incidents required hospitalisation? 3) How many of these involved minors in detention? 4) How many of those people involved in the incidents were given follow-up psychological treatment?

Answer:

1) The table below shows all the self harm incidents from 18 November 2010 to 28 February 2011 broken down by each immigration detention facility. In some circumstances, a client may be involved in self harm incidents more than once.

Location	No. of actual Self Harm Incidents
Christmas Island	60
Leonora	2
Inverbrackie	2
Maribyrnong IDC	0
Melbourne ITA	10
Northern IDC	20
Scherger IDC	6
Villawood IDC	7
Grand Total	107

2) Twenty-seven clients were required to attend a hospital as a result of self harm during this period.

3) Fifteen minors were involved in the self harm incidents identified at 1.

4) All clients involved in self harm incidents are provided psychological treatment and counselling by mental health professionals.