

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 - 29 MAY 2008**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(54) Output 1.5: Detention**

Senator Ellison (L&CA 5) asked:

- (1) Provide a breakdown of incidents of self-harm at detention centres between December 2007.
  
- (2) Provide a breakdown of incidents of voluntary starvation at detention centres since December 2007.

*Answer:*

- (1) There have been eight incidents of self-harm at immigration detention centres between 1 December 2007 and 31 May 2008. Of these, seven incidents were at the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre and one at the Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre.
  
- (2) Between 1 December 2007 and 31 May 2008 there were eleven cases of voluntary starvation over 24 hours, all at the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre.