

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(51) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 64) asked:

What was the nature of the incidents of self-harm in the detention centres?

Answer:

In the financial year 2008-09 year to date 30 April 2009 there have been 14 reported incidents of actual and attempted self harm.

Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre

1. Client tightened a TV power cord around neck.

Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre

1. Client attempted self harm by using a piece of broken glass.
2. Client attempted self harm by knocking head against a window.

Perth Immigration Detention Centre

1. Client cut neck with a piece of broken glass.

Perth Immigration Residential Housing

1. Client swallowed an amount of toilet cleaner.

Villawood Immigration Detention Centre

1. Client stabbed wrist with a traditional bone carving pendant.
2. Client attempted to bang head against wall.
3. Client was on the roof of a building and threatened self harm by jumping off.
4. Client stabbed self with bread knife.
5. Client cut left wrist and then attempted to cut throat with a razor blade.
6. Client swallowed soap and water.
7. Client knocked head on floor with considerable force.

Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation

1. Client repeatedly punched self in the head.

Royal Adelaide Hospital – while under static guard

1. Client attempted to cut self by using a plastic knife.