

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(68) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

- (1) How many incidents of self harm have taken place in the new detention facility on Christmas Island since it opened in 2008?
- (2) Have there been any hunger strikes in the centre?
- (3) Have any of the clients been taken on any excursions outside the centre?

Answer:

- (1) Since the Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre opened on 21 December 2008, one self-harm incident has occurred there.
- (2) There have been two claimed incidents of voluntary starvation in the Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre, but the clients involved resumed eating within 24 hours.
- (3) Since the centre has opened in December 2008, 148 excursions have been provided. These excursions include going to church services, the Territory Park and Lily Beach.