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Mr Peter Hallahan  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
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Dear Mr Hallahan

**BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES - CORRECTION TO ERROR OF FACT**

I appeared as a witness at the Budget Senate Estimates hearing on Wednesday, 27 May 2009 and Thursday, 28 May 2009 for the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio.

I wish to advise of a correction to an error of fact made by me at the hearing on Thursday 29 May 2008 during deliberations of 'Outcome 4'.

As per the following extract from page L&CA 64 of the proof transcript I incorrectly advised Senator Fierravanti-Wells that there have been 11 reported incidents of self-harm in this financial year, year to date 30 April. The correct figure is 14 reported incidents of self-harm. Seven were at Villawood, one at Perth IDC, one at Perth IRH, one at the Brisbane ITA, two at Maribyrnong IDC, one at Christmas Island IDC and one at Royal Adelaide Hospital while the client was under static guard.

**Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS**—Yes, I am not about to count on my toes and fingers! If you could do that, that would be good. In terms of onshore detention, have there been reports of incidents at Villawood related to self-harm?

**Ms Wilson**—In this financial year, year to date 30 April, there have been 11 reported incidents of self-harm.

**Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS**—All at Villawood?

**Ms Wilson**—No. There were five at Villawood, one at Perth IDC, one at Perth IRH, one at the Brisbane ITA, two at Maribyrnong IDC and one at Christmas Island IDC.

**Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS**—Serious incidents?

**Ms Wilson**—I do not have the details of the nature of them.

**Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS**—Take it on notice, thank you.

Please contact me if you have any inquiries in relation to the correction.

Yours sincerely

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