QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0706) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 85) asked:

Provide a breakdown of all incidents over the past 12 months and indicate how they have been categorised and what response was made by the department?

Answer

- The following table provides a breakdown of all incidents by category type and level of severity for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 as reported to the department by the Detention Service Provider (DSP).
- The contract between the department and the DSP outlines incident categories and provides a description of each. For example, the category "assault" is described as an event involving a physical altercation that may result in criminal charges being laid.
- The contract stipulates that the DSP must respond to all incidents immediately
 and in accordance with incident management protocols. The contract requires
 the DSP to report verbally and electronically to the department within specific
 timeframes.
- The department responded to each incident according to its category and level.
- To detail the department's response to each reported incident would require interrogation of multiple departmental systems for each incident. This would represent an unjustifiable diversion of departmental resources.

Category	Critical	Major	Minor	Total
Abusive/Aggressive Behaviour			492	492
Accident/Injury	663			663
Assault	56	231	27	314
Assault - Not occasioning bodily harm			105	105
Barricade/Sit-In		12		12
Birth of a child			26	26
Clinical Depression			2	2
Complaint - re Incident	6	1	314	321
Complaint Unresolved in time			822	822
Contamination/Infection		3		3
Contraband brought by Visitor			12	12

Damage to Commonwealth property	Contraband found			299	299
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Grand Total	1367	2269	4558	8194
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*Note: The table includes a number of separate incident reports that relate to an individual person and single event.