

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 OCTOBER 2008**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(56) Output 1.5: Detention**

Senator Ellison (L&CA 106) asked:

How many instances of self-harm have we had in the last 12 months?

*Answer:*

Self-harm is self-inflicted injury or the act of causing harm to oneself. In the 12 months 31 October 2007 to 30 October 2008 there were 15 instances of actual self-harm and six instances of attempted self-harm in immigration detention facilities.