

Question on notice no. 205

Portfolio question number: AE22-205

2021-22 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Australian Border Force on 14 February 2022—

How many incidents of self-harm (broken down by threatened and actual) have been recorded in immigration detention facilities (over the last five years) ?

a. Please provide a breakdown by year and facility.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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**Program 3.5: Onshore Compliance and Detention
AE22-205 - Immigration Detention - Incidents of Self Harm**

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a. Please provide a breakdown by year and facility.

Answer:

Table: Self Harm Incidents (Actual and Threatened) by year (1 January 2017 to 31 December 2021)

Year	Self Harm - Actual	Self Harm - Threatened
2017	228	388
2018	200	366
2019	145	422
2020	201	522
2021	194	479
Total	968	2,177

Table: Self Harm Incidents (Actual and Threatened) by year and immigration detention facility (1 January 2017 to 31 December 2021)

	Self Harm - Actual	Self Harm - Threatened
2017	228	388
Adelaide ITA	<10	<5
Brisbane ITA	19	18
Maribyrnong IDC	35	74
Melbourne ITA	12	24
North West Point IDC	34	65

Northern APOD	0	<5
Perth IDC	<15	<20
Villawood IDC	69	141
Yongah Hill IDC	39	47
2018	200	366
Adelaide ITA	<5	0
Brisbane ITA	<10	<30
Maribyrnong IDC	41	37
Melbourne ITA	23	63
North West Point IDC	14	31
Perth IDC	26	45
Villawood IDC	48	113
Yongah Hill IDC	38	48
2019	145	422
Adelaide ITA	<5	<5
Brisbane ITA	21	50
Melbourne ITA	33	88
Northern APOD	<5	<5
Perth IDC	24	37
Phosphate Hill APOD	0	<5
Villawood IDC	52	205
Yongah Hill IDC	12	36

	Self Harm - Actual	Self Harm - Threatened
2020	201	522
Adelaide ITA	<15	<5
Brisbane ITA	25	69
Melbourne ITA	34	101
North West Point IDC	<5	<15
Northern APOD	<5	<10
Perth IDC	35	62
Villawood IDC	74	210
Yongah Hill IDC	19	56
2021	194	479
Adelaide ITA	<5	<10

Brisbane ITA	28	36
Melbourne ITA	42	80
North West Point IDC	<5	<30
Northern APOD	<5	<5
Perth IDC	9	31
Villawood IDC	67	233
Yongah Hill IDC	40	64
GRAND TOTAL	968	2,177