

## 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.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Critical</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Total</b>
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

Contraband found			299	299
Damage to Commonwealth property	27		246	273
Death	6			6
Demonstration - Offsite	23			23
Demonstration - Onsite		97		97
Disturbance		105	638	743
Emergency - medical - offsite		147		147
Escape	60			60
Escape - Attempted		48		48
Escape involving multiple clients	4			4
Outage - IT Systems			179	179
Outage - Power			42	42
Outage - Security System		91		91
Food poisoning			5	5
Industrial Action - Minor			1	1
Industrial Action - No Labour	1			1
Media - Approach staff/clients			42	42
Media - Incident of interest		80		80
Media - Unauthorised presence	69			69
Notification by Welfare Authority		14		14
Property - Missing			34	34
Property - Missing Money			8	8
Public Health Risk	1		5	6
Removal - Aborted		34		34
Major disturbance	2			2
Sabotage		1		1
Self Harm - Actual	386			386
Self Harm - Threatened		700		700
Self Harm-Attempted Serious	46			46
Substance abuse			5	5
Theft			25	25
Transfer between facilities			96	96
Transfer to APOD			180	180
Use of Emergency Equipment	7			7
Use of Force		161		161
Use of Observation Room > 24 hrs		118		118
Use of Restraints			49	49
Use of Restraints-Unplanned	4			4
Use of weaponry by a Client	2			2
Visitor-Client denied			3	3
Visitor- High Profile refused access	4			4
Visitor-Other refused			29	29
Voluntary Starvation - End of			139	139
Voluntary starvation (<24 hrs)			733	733
Voluntary starvation (>24 hrs)		392		392
Voluntary starvation by minor		19		19
Weapon - Client in possession		15		15

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>2269</b>	<b>4558</b>	<b>8194</b>
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\*Note: The table includes a number of separate incident reports that relate to an individual person and single event.