

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0711) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 72) asked:

Provide a breakdown of critical incidents by month in the six months leading up to the riots at Christmas Island and note whether or not there was any escalation in incidents over this time.

Answer:

A critical incident is contractually defined as an incident or event which critically affects the safety of the facility or where there is serious injury or a threat to life. A breakdown of critical incidents by month in the six months to March 2011 is provided below. The number of critical incidents increased from 31 to 38 in December 2010 however in January and February critical incidents declined to 31 and 29 respectively, showing no consistent escalation prior to March 2011.

October 2010

Type	Total
Accident/Injury - Serious	2
Assault - Serious	1
Damage - Serious	1
Self Harm - Actual	26
Use of weaponry by a Client	1
Grand Total	31

November 2010

Type	Total
Accident/Injury - Serious	4
Assault - Serious	2
Complaint - re Critical Incident	1
Escape	6
Self Harm - Actual	21
Grand Total	34

December 2010

Type	Total
Accident/Injury - Serious	5
Assault - Serious	3
Damage - Serious	1
Escape	3
Media - Unauthorised presence	9
Self Harm - Actual	17
Grand Total	38

January 2011

Type	Total
Accident/Injury - Serious	15
Assault - Serious	1
Complaint - re Critical Incident	1
Escape	3
Self Harm - Actual	11
Grand Total	31

February 2011

Type	Total
Accident/Injury - Serious	10
Assault - Serious	5
Escape	4
Riot	1
Self Harm - Actual	8
Self Harm-Attempted Serious	1
Grand Total	29

March 2011

Type	Total
Accident/Injury - Serious	6
Assault - Serious	7
Damage - Serious	4
Escape	4
Escape - Mass Breakout	3
Media - Unauthorised presence	1
Self Harm - Actual	10
Self Harm-Attempted Serious	2
Use of Emergency Equipment	4
Grand Total	41