

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 OCTOBER 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(55) Output 1.5: Detention

Senator Ellison (L&CA 105-106) asked:

How many instances of hunger strikes have there been in detention centres in the last 12 months? How many this year?

Answer:

In the 12 months 31 October 2007 to 30 October 2008 there were 24 instances of voluntary starvation in immigration detention facilities. Since 1 January 2008 there have been 15 instances of voluntary starvation in immigration detention facilities.