

YOUTH DETENTION — SUICIDE ATTEMPTS AND SELF-HARM

1171. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

Will the Minister please provide the number of suicide attempts and self-harm cases respectively for November 2022 at each of the youth detention facilities Banksia Hill Detention Centre and Unit 18, respectively?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

Table 1: Number of Distinct Attempted Suicide and Self-Harm Victim Incidents between 1 and 30 November 2022, by Incident Type and Facility.

| | Victim Incidents | | |
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| Facility | Attempted Suicide | Self-Harm—Serious | Self-Harm—Minor |
| Banksia Hill Detention Centre | 6 | 0 | 32 |
| Unit 18 Juvenile Security | 1 | 0 | 29 |
| Total | 7 | 0 | 61 |

Definitions and Terminology

| Term | Definition |
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| Attempted Suicide | An act where the circumstances indicate the intent of the act was to take their own life through: (a) self-inflicted injury; or (b) self-asphyxiation or hanging; or (c) intentional self-poisoning (including drug overdose); or (d) other intentional acts intended to take one's own life. |
| Self-Harm – Minor | An act of self-harm that does not require overnight hospitalisation, overnight care at a facility medical centre/infirmar y or ongoing medical treatment or any other act of self-harm that does not result in injury. |
| Self-Harm – Serious | An act of self-harm that requires either overnight hospitalisation in a medical facility (including facility clinic/infirmar y), or ongoing medical treatment. |
| TOMS | Total Offender Management Solution. The custodial application used to capture data about young people in custody. |