

Attachment A – Tasmania Prison Service and self-harm statistics

Question from media

The number of Risdon Prison inmates who have self-harmed and the number of Risdon Prison inmates who have been hospitalised due to self-harm.

Response from Tasmania Prison Service (TPS)

Financial Year	Distinct count of individuals who engaged in self-harm*	Recorded as “Self-Harm Hospital”**
2021-22	65	7
2022-23	72	12

*Self-harm data is collated from TPS staff incident reports from when a staff member has reported through the internal reporting framework that a prisoner has engaged in self-harm. Self-harm data is not categorised by a measure of seriousness and the above data is not reflective of whether a physical injury occurred – i.e. a physical injury may not always be the result of a self-harm incident.

**“Self-Harm Hospital” refers to an act of self-harm that required hospital assessment and/or treatment and/or admission to hospital.

Question from media

If inmates have required hospitalisation due to self-harm, which hospitals they have been sent to?

Response from Tasmania Prison Service

The TPS does not maintain specific data on which hospital a prisoner attended. However, prisoners are generally transferred to the nearest public hospital in relation to their respective facility.