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*Dear brother,*

About the Points:

Normally in every centre, every client received 50 points per week.

But from early June 2012 in detention centres of Darwin, it reduced to 25 points.  
In MITA and MIDC of Melbourne, client just received 25 points from the beginning to yet.

Serco said it was instruction and the rest 25 points will be added based on participation in activities. So, doing each activity can be earned 1 to 4 points and that will be added to normal 25 points.. But it doesn't mean doing many activities can be earned more than 50 points because maximum earning is 50 points only. I heard this system has been introduced in every centre..

It is different in Villawood, despite Serco wanted to in place such system, detainees jointly opposed it and there is good reason because there is no activities room after burnt down.  
Since new building for activities have been replaced in the past week, now every client received notice that stated they can earn only 25 points unless they don't join in activities.

Activities like using internet, reading book in the room and doing any activities in side the room, are also not counted for earning points. But when i was in xxxx, internet using earned one point. i don't know about now as they changed roles randomly..

Most of short term detainees don't raise complaint about anything and they are active to perform in any activities because they are excited and happy.

But those spent more than a year and more are mostly unwilling to do activities because of stress, unstable condition and most of the times spent in sleeping. Unnoticeably, they also miss lunch and dinner. So, they don't bother with whatever rule changes in the centre but they face difficulties of insufficient to buy phone card and cigarettes..

And phone call to Burma, Srilanka and Middle East are expensive. Calling to Burma cost about 1\$ per minute and always extra-times have to spend for call waiting because they don't own cellphone or rest phone, they have to make appointment..