

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, EMPLOYEES, WORKERS' COMPENSATION

3102. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Energy

For each department and agency under the portfolio of the Deputy Premier -

- (a) how many employees, both permanent and non-permanent are currently on workers' compensation as a result of a workplace injury;
- (b) what is the average time for employees to be on workers' compensation as a result of a workplace injury;
- (c) are all workplace injuries, resulting in lost time, investigated to find the cause of the injury and to review workplace practices;
- (d) if yes, who conducts the investigation;
- (e) if not, why not;
- (f) of the employees absent on workers' compensation, how many are as a result of workplace stress;
- (g) of those employees on workers' compensation as a result of workplace stress, how many are not permanent employees;
- (h) has each case of stress resulting in lost time, been investigated to find the cause of the stress and to review workplace practices;
- (i) if yes, who conducts the investigation; and
- (j) if not, why not?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

Western Power

- (a) For the Financial Year 2003/2004 - there were 78 workers' compensation claims that incurred lost time (lost time refers to either part or full shift).
- (b) Average time lost for the 78 claims = 93.43hrs
- (c) Yes
- (d) An internal investigation is conducted, generally by the employee's formal leader.
- (e) Not Applicable
- (f) Nil
- (g) Nil
- (h) Not Applicable
- (i) Not Applicable
- (j) Not Applicable

Office of Energy

- (a) Nil
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Yes
- (d) Investigations are conducted internally.
- (e)-(g) Not applicable
- (h) Yes
- (i) Investigations are conducted internally
- (j) Not applicable

Economic Regulation Authority

- (a) Nil
- (b)-(e) Not applicable
- (f) Nil
- (g)-(j) Not applicable

Office of the Auditor General

- (a) nil
- (b) one day
- (c) all workplace injuries are reviewed and investigated to the extent warranted.
- (d) where appropriate, they are reviewed by the Manager Human Resources

- (e) not applicable
- (f) no employees on stress leave
- (g)-(j) not applicable

Energy Safety Directorate

- (a) Nil
- (b) Nil (Energy Safety has experienced negligible workers' compensation claims during recent years.)
- (c) Yes
- (d) The Manager responsible for the work area.
- (e) N/A
- (f) N/A
- (g) N/A
- (h) No cases of lost time due to stress registered per workers' compensation scheme.
- (i) N/A
- (j) N/A

WA Treasury Corporation

- (a) Nil
- (b) Not applicable as the Corporation has not had anyone away on worker's compensation
- (c) Yes
- (d) Human Resources Manager
- (e)-(j) Not applicable

Department of Treasury and Finance

- (a) One (permanent)
- (b) Average lost time is zero days
- (c) Yes
- (d) The department, RiskCover, or a workplace consultant
- (e) Not applicable
- (f) Nil
- (g) Nil
- (h)-(j) Not applicable

Note: Figures supplied by RiskCover

Office of Native Title

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