

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, EMPLOYEES, WORKERS' COMPENSATION

3112. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern

For each department and agency under the portfolio of the Minister -

- (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 F.M. LOGAN replied:

Department of Agriculture - This response relates to the Department of Agriculture only and excludes information on statutory authorities under the Minister's control.

- (a) 4
- (b) 16 days.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) All Departmental incidents are investigated by line managers/safety representatives. Some incidents are investigated by the Departmental Occupational Safety and Health advisor and on some occasions an investigation may be performed by an external investigator.
- (e) Not applicable.
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- (g) None.
- (h) Yes.
- (i) Refer to response in (d) above.
- (j) Not applicable.

Department of Fisheries

- (a) 3
- (b) 50 days.
- (c) Yes
- (d) Occupational Safety and Health representatives
- (e)-(j) Not applicable

Forest Products Commission

- (a) Nil
- (b) 20 days.
- (c) Yes

- (d) The local manager, safety representative and/or an occupational health and safety officer conduct the investigation.

(e)-(j) Not applicable

Mid West Development Commission

- (a) Nil
- (b) MWDC has had no case of workplace injury resulting in lost time.
- (c) Yes
- (d) The Corporate Services Manager.
- (e) Not applicable
- (f) Nil
- (g)-(j) Not applicable

Wheatbelt Development Commission

- (a) Nil
- (b) WDC has had no case of workplace injury resulting in lost time.
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Investigation of workplace injury would be the responsibility of the Corporate Services Manager.
- (e)-(j) Not applicable

Great Southern Development Commission

- (a) Nil
- (b) GSDC has had no case of workplace injury resulting in lost time.
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Investigation of workplace injury would be the responsibility of the Corporate Services Manager.
- (e)-(j) Not applicable