

WORKCOVER, MEDICAL ASSESSMENT PANELS

891. Mr KOBELKE to the Minister for Labour Relations:

- (1) How many cases have gone before a medical panel convened by WorkCover in the year 2000 and up to what date is this figure accurate?
- (2) In how many of these decisions made by medical assessment panels did the decision uphold the claim of the injured worker?
- (3) In how many of these decisions by medical assessment panels did the decision go totally against the injured worker?
- (4) In how many of these decisions by medical assessment panels was the decision partly in favour of the injured worker?
- (5) Will the Minister provide the names of all doctors who have served on medical assessment panels this year and the number of medical panels which each doctor has served on?
- (6) How many cases have come to WorkCover in the year 2000 where the employee is appealing against the cutting off of weekly payments?
- (7) In how many of these cases were weekly payments re-instated?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (1) For the period 1 January to 17 November 2000, a total of 91 medical panels have been convened. Of those, 85 determinations have been received.
- (2-5) Statistical information of this nature is not maintained and I am not prepared to devote the time to allow the considerable research and resources which would be required to answer the question. If the Member has a particular concern then I will endeavour to have it addressed.
- (6-7) This question is not clear in terms of its intention.