

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, EMPLOYEES, WORKERS' COMPENSATION

3105. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment

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?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

Department of Environmental Protection

- (a) 1.
- (b) 35 days.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) The employee's supervisor in liaison with Human Resources, and complemented by the Occupational Health and Safety Committee and RiskCover.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Nil.
- (g)-(j) Not applicable.

Water and Rivers Commission

- (a) 0.
- (b) 58 days.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) The employee's supervisor in liaison with Human Resources, and complemented by the Occupational Health and Safety Committee and RiskCover.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Nil.
- (g)-(j) Not applicable.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT

- (a) 7.
- (b) 26 days.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Occupational Safety and Health Team Leader or supervisor of the injured worker in consultation with, and cooperation of, the injured worker and any witnesses.

- (e) Not Applicable.
- (f) Nil.
- (g)-(j) Not applicable.

BOTANIC GARDENS AND PARKS AUTHORITY

- (a) 1.
- (b) 83 days.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) All accidents and incidents are reported to the Occupational Health and Safety Committee, and the Manager Employee Services undertakes investigations.
- (e) Yes.
- (f) Nil.
- (g)-(j) Not applicable.

PERTH ZOO

- (a) 2.
- (b) 38 days.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) The investigation is carried out by the area Supervisor.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Nil.
- (g)-(j) Not applicable.

BUSSELTON WATER BOARD

- (a) 1.
- (b) 3 days.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Local Safety Committee.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Nil.
- (g)-(j) Not applicable.

AQWEST - BUNBURY WATER BOARD

- (a) 1.
- (b) 30 days.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) By the Board's Risk Management Committee, Manager and Supervisor.
- (e) Not Applicable.
- (f) Nil.
- (g)-(j) Not applicable.

NOTE 1 : The information provided for part (a) of the question relates to claims registered with RiskCover with an accident date between 1 July 2003 and 30 June 2004

NOTE 2 : The average time for employees to be on workers' compensation for part (b) of the question is for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004.

NOTE 3 : Information to part (f) of the question relates to information provided by RiskCover as at 31 July 2004.