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Question

Workplace accidents

Senator CAMERON: How many workplace accidents have there been? Do we call them workplace accidents?

Ms Milliken: Incidents.

Senator CAMERON: We call them workplace incidents because they are out on a job, do we? We are looking for workplace incidents, are we?

Ms Milliken: Yes.

Senator CAMERON: How many have there been?

Ms Milliken: From 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015 there were 307 incidents reported to the department and our insurer.

Senator CAMERON: What was the nature of the incidents? How serious were they?

Ms Milliken: The majority of the incidents were considered to be minor and included cuts, wrist, ankle and knee sprains and injuries, poor behaviour between job seekers and illegal drug use.

Senator CAMERON: What is the poor behaviour between job seekers?

Ms Milliken: Job seekers being aggressive to each other.

Senator CAMERON: How many?

Mr Hehir: I do not think we have the data broken down by that method. I have it broken down by region and by provider, but I do not have it broken down by type of incident at present.

Senator CAMERON: I do not believe it. Do you have it?

Mr Hehir: I am sure we will be able to have it. I just do not have it in front of me.

Answer

From 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015, 15 incidents reported to the Department's Insurance Broker involved job seekers being aggressive to each other.