

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

Agency - Safe Work Australia

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Senator Thistlethwaite asked on 13 February 2013, Hansard page 47

Question

Quad bike safety

Senator BILYK: How many deaths have there been in the last couple of years on quad bikes?

Mr Hoy: Last year there were 17. Half of them were work related, the other half were recreational. I do not have the figure for the previous year.

Senator THISTLETHWAITE: How many were under the age of 16, do you know?

Mr Hoy: Five.

Senator THISTLETHWAITE: So five children under the age of 16 died on farms or other workplaces—

Mr Hoy: I just would need to check that because, of the 17, five died but I do not have the breakup of whether they were work or non-work. But I can provide that.

Answer

Safe Work Australia has provided the following response:

The number of quad bike fatalities recorded in 2012 is 19. Two additional quad bike fatalities have been identified since the Senate Estimates hearing.

Of the 19 quad bike fatalities in 2012, six were working and 13 were recreational. Five of these fatalities involved children less than 16 years of age.

There were 20 fatalities that involved a quad bike in 2011, nine of these were working, 10 were recreational and the activity of one is unknown. Three of these fatalities involved children less than 16 years of age.

As of 19 March 2013 three quad bike fatalities have been identified. One of these fatalities is working and two are recreational. None of these involved children less than 16 years of age.