

**Joint Select Committee on Road Safety**

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**Senator Sheldon:** ...[T]here are issues with regard to fatalities and there are issues with regard to serious injuries as part of the improvement of vehicle safety and technology that has put people in the injury category rather than the fatality category. So how is that tracking?

**Dr Hassall:** ...[W]ith regard to people, I will take on notice the current ratio of fatalities to serious human injury, which is high—it's much higher than the fatalities—and how that's tracking. I'm not quite sure at the moment. I really concentrate on the fatalities and the major prang statistics. I can get back to you on that one.

**Answer**

Serious accidents might be higher than this but assuming a hospitalization is 'serious' the ratio is: for 1 truck or bus fatality there are 7.73 truck or bus hospitalizations. This was an average across 10 years to 2018 and as you might notice this ratio is on the rise.

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Truck/Bus Hospitalization Injury				Fatalities				Ratio of					
	Male	Female	Australia	Bus	Rigid Truck	Articulated Truck	Total Truck & Bus Fatafs	Hospitalizations to Fatafs					
2008	1,156	454	1,610										
2009	1,048	464	1,512	32	89	140	261		5.79				
2010	1,044	555	1,599	22	85	141	248		6.45				
2011	1,188	577	1,765	24	73	145	242		7.29				
2012	1,130	533	1,663	22	95	157	274		6.07				
2013	1,160	574	1,734	12	68	115	195		8.89				
2014	1,125	645	1,770	18	89	116	223		7.94				
2015	1,178	577	1,755	21	81	113	215		8.16				
2016	1,215	617	1,832	21	83	109	213		8.60				
2017	1,178	699	1,877	29	94	106	229		8.20				
2018	1,191	633	1,824	18	78	89	185		9.86				
2019									7.73				
2020													
								For every 1 truck or bus caused fatal there are some 7.7 hospitalizations					
								This is an average across the decade 2009-2018 inclusive					
								However, the ratio has gotten worse over the last 5 years.					