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Question

SWA - Comparative Performance Monitoring report

Senator URQUHART: How many people have been injured at work this year compared to last year?

Ms Baxter: Year to date?

Senator URQUHART: You cannot really do it until December.

Ms Baxter: No. I will just check year to date.

Ms Grey: The way that we attribute the injury data is through data from the jurisdictions. We get claims data but it is a year late, so I do not have that information yet. We publish a document called the Comparative Performance Monitoring report, which is about to be published this month, and it is available on our website. It provides a comparison of all of the jurisdictional figures and includes the claims to date; that is, for last year. We are up to the seventeenth in the series. That is how we collect the information.

Senator URQUHART: So, you do not have that data?

Ms Grey: I do not have it but I can provide you with the most up-to-date data.

Senator URQUHART: Can you compare that to last year?

Ms Grey: Yes.

Answer

The table below shows the most up-to-date information about the number of Australians who were compensated for a work-related injury based on the date the injury occurred:

Calendar Year	Number of awarded workers' compensation claims for a work-related injury
2013	198 180
2012	224 922
2011	240 477

A significant proportion of workers' compensation claims for injuries which occurred after December 2013 are still being processed, preventing the compilation of reliable statistics.