

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

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Question

Injury rates

Senator MARSHALL: I was looking to see if there was a comparison of like work to like paid work. If it is a global comparison is not much use to me, unless it is so out of whack.

Ms Leon: Safe Work Australia may be able to give you statistics on the injury rate by industry sector.

Senator MARSHALL: So your actual injury rates—have you got them, or could you table them?

Ms Milliken: In terms of incident recording per participant in Work for the Dole, it is less than one per cent. It is around 0.3 per cent.

Ms Leon: And that is for all injuries, ranging from a small cut to a severe injury.

Senator MARSHALL: Are you able to break down the details of those statistics, to the extent that you practically can, on notice? I would also like to know if you keep them separately for each provider.

Ms Milliken: I can take that on notice. That is accessible.

Answer

Comparable data does not exist of injury rates in unpaid and paid work.

There were 86 incidents involving injury to Work for the Dole participants between 1 July 2016 and 31 August 2016 (as notified to the Department of Employment at the time of the hearing) or an injury rate of less than 0.3 per cent.

A breakdown of the 86 incidents by type of activity is as follows:

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Administration/Office	1
Arts/Crafts	2
Building/Construction/Cleaning/Gardening/Property Maintenance	39
Computers/Technology	1
Hospitality	4
Manufacturing	3
Mechanical repairs/panel beating	3
Retail	20
Warehousing and Customer Service	10
Working with Animals	3

A breakdown of the 86 incidents reported by jobactive providers is as follows, noting that incidents may be reported by the lead provider of the activity or the relevant job seeker's provider.

jobactive provider (Legal Name)	Number of incidents
BEST Employment Ltd	3
Communicare Inc	1
CVGT Australia Ltd	1
Employment Services Group (IPC Employment Pty Ltd)	3
Enterprise Management Group Pty Ltd (My Pathway)	2
Gemsail Pty Ltd (MBC)	3
Job Futures Ltd (CoAct)	1
Joblink Plus Limited	2
Karingal Inc (VIC) Limited Liability (Matchworks)	7
MAX Solutions Pty Ltd	15
Mission Providence Pty Ltd	2
NEATO Employment Services Pty Ltd	1
Olympus Solutions Limited	1
Status Works Pty Ltd	1
TELDRAW Pty Ltd (Global Skills)	1
Salvation Army Employment Plus	10
Tursa Employment & Training	10
VERTO Ltd	2
Western District Employment Access Inc	5
Workskil Australia	12
Workskills Incorporated	3