

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Bernardi

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Question:

Senator Bernardi: You can mention them. The numbers themselves will be of interest. Are you specifically able to tell me how many times or how many days work has been lost due to asbestos?

Ms Elliott: Certainly, we have had 11 incidents that we have had to notify to Comcare when we have found asbestos. But the actual days lost on site, I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

A delay of 9 working days to the construction program of The Lodge Refurbishment project have been caused by asbestos removal activities on the site, which was shut down during the removal process to ensure the safety of workers. No days have been lost as a result of injury or ill health arising from asbestos.