

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING
19 FEBRUARY 2004**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcomes: Agencies

Question Number: W324-04

Question:

Senator Harradine asked in writing:

How many claims have been made to Comcare for work-related injury in the past year? Please provide a breakdown of numbers of claims and amounts of compensation paid per year for the past five years?

Answer:

In 2002/03 6,701 claims were received by Comcare. As at 3 March 2004, for the 2003/04 financial year, 4,301 claims have so far been received.

Table A

Financial Year Claim Received	All Claims Received	Claims Accepted
1998/1999	7407	6528
1999/2000	6753	6006
2000/2001	6557	5849
2001/2002	6680	5858
2002/2003	6701	6003

Compensation amounts paid per year are outlined in table B below. This data represents total payments regardless of the date the claim was received. Pre Premium expenditure relates to claims with a date of injury prior to 01/07/89. The expenditure represents SRC Act related payments (such items as time off work payments, medical costs, rehabilitation and lump sum payments).

Table B

	Pre Premium Program Expenditure	Premium Program Expenditure	Total Program Expenditure
	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998/1999	68.8	99.3	168.1
1999/2000	68.7	107.8	176.5
2000/2001	66.2	110.8	177.0
2001/2002	64.2	116.5	180.7
2002/2003	62.3	122.5	184.8