

## Question on Notice

No. 807

Asked on Tuesday 23 May 2006

MR ROWELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (MR BARTON)—

### QUESTION

With reference to WorkCover claims –

- (1) How many statutory claims were rejected in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2004-05 and (c) current year to date (to be reported separately)?
- (2) In relation to the claims that were rejected, why were they rejected and how many were reconsidered and appealed?

### ANSWER

- (1) I am advised by Q-COMP the workers' compensation scheme regulator, that scheme wide statutory claims rejected by financial year, based on the initial liability decision (i.e. not subsequent decisions or reopened claims), are as follows:

	**Rejected Claims	**Claims on which liability decision made	%
(a) 2002-2003,	3,626	74,547	4.9
(aa) 2003-2004	3,824	76,749	5.0
(b) 2004-2005	3,685	79,164	4.7
(c) current year to date*	2,483	67,683	3.7

\* To 30 April 2006

\*\* As at 30 April 2006

- (2) Reasons for Rejection and progression to review and appeal.

<b>Scheme-Wide</b>				
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>2002/2003</b>	<b>2003/2004</b>	<b>2004/2005</b>	<b>2005/2006*</b>
<b>Reason</b>				
Not a worker (S11)	135	112	107	82
Not an injury (S32)	2,105	2,750	2,782	2,013
Not a journey (S35 and S36)	64	91	92	94
Outside Queensland (S113)	13	17	21	18
Industrial Deafness (S125 and S126)	50	63	38	27
Out of time (S131)	108	95	85	40
Invalid application (S132)	216	75	47	35
Other	935	621	513	174
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,626</b>	<b>3,824</b>	<b>3,685</b>	<b>2,483</b>
<b>To Review</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>658</b>
<b>To Appeal</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>77</b>

\* To 30 April 2006