

Question on Notice

No. 594

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MRS CUNNINGHAM ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL)—

QUESTION:

With reference to workers' compensation claims for workers in the hospitality industry including clubs and hotels for the periods 2004-05; 2005-06 and 2006-07 to present—

- (1) How many workers have made claims for hearing loss?
- (2) How many of these claims have been approved?
- (3) How many patrons have made claims for hearing loss?

ANSWER:

- (1) In 2004-05, there were no industrial deafness claims within the hospitality industry. In 2005-06, a total of 10 workers' compensation claims for hearing loss were lodged with insurers. Of these claims, three were lodged as 'report only'. For the period 2006-07 to date, two claims were lodged, with one being a "report only" claim.
- (2) For the 2005-06 financial year, four claims were accepted. For the 2006-07 financial year to date, one claim has been accepted.
- (3) I refer you to my answer to QON 17.