

## Question on Notice

No. 1405

Asked on 14 November 2023

**DR C ROWAN** ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to Workcover claims lodged by teachers and other school staff for assault and/or physical violence—

Will the Minister advise for 2022-23 and 2023 to date (a) the number of claims lodged and accepted and (b) the total amount of claims paid to teachers and staff?

ANSWER:

In relation to part (a), the number of claims lodged and accepted for the period 2022–23 and 2023 year to date (YTD)\* are as follows:

- 2022–23: Teacher claims lodged – 453;
- 2022–23: Teacher claims accepted – 415;
- 2022–23: Other school staff claims lodged – 245;
- 2022–23: Other school staff claims accepted – 226;
- 2023 YTD\*: Teacher claims lodged – 171;
- 2023 YTD\*: Teacher claims accepted – 170;
- 2023 YTD\*: Other school staff claims lodged – 107; and
- 2023 YTD\*: Other school staff claims accepted – 104.

In relation to part (b), the total amount of claims paid for Workcover claims with assault and/or physical violence as the mechanism of harm for the period 2022–23 and 2023 YTD\* are as follows:

- 2022–23: Teacher cost of claims lodged in period – \$4,088,636.71#;
- 2022–23: Teacher costs for claims paid in period – \$8,117,904.92^;
- 2022–23: Other school staff cost of claims lodged in period – \$957,307.05#;
- 2022–23: Other school staff costs for claims paid in period – \$2,139,516.24^;
- 2023 YTD\*: Teacher cost of claims lodged in period – \$877,441.55#;
- 2023 YTD\*: Teacher costs for claims paid in period – \$4,312,695.45^;
- 2023 YTD\*: Other school staff cost of claims lodged in period – \$239,596.18#; and
- 2023 YTD\*: Other school staff costs for claims paid in period – \$1,087,047.36^.

\* Data extracted is from 1 July 2023 to 31 October 2023.

# Cost of claim lodged in period means costs associated with the claims that have been lodged with WorkCover in the specified period.

^ Costs for claims paid in period means a claim that was lodged in a previous period but is still open or still has costs being associated with the claim.

Based on the WorkCover Queensland policies (1) GAA950724408 – Department of Education – General (Teachers and Administration) and (2) GAA950723757 Department of Education – School Cleaners. WorkCover mechanism of 'Being assaulted by a person or persons' and 'Exposure to workplace or occupational violence' have been used to identified occupational violence claims.

Excludes claims when staff were away from work for travel or during a recess period.