

Question on Notice
No. 819
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DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail from 2015 to 2023 to date, the number of WorkCover Claim Forms that have been submitted to WorkCover Queensland, due to possible or actual exposure to Asbestos in Department of Education Facilities, reported separately by claim (medical expenses only, medical expenses and time off, report purposes only, other) and including the date that each incident/injury occurred?

ANSWER:

For the time period of July 2014 to 2023 to date, the number of workers' compensation claims forms that have been lodged to WorkCover Queensland (WorkCover) due to possible or actual exposure to asbestos in Department of Education facilities is 132.

WorkCover – Claim Forms

Year Lodged	Claim Type	No. Claims	Incident Date
2014–15	Notification – Report only claim	2	25/09/2012
			16/04/2015
2015–16	Medical expenses only	2	06/02/2016
			23/02/2016
	Other – Psych Claim	1	03/02/2015
2016–17	Notification – Report only claim	6	26/09/2016
			21/11/2016
			25/11/2016
2017–18	Medical expenses only	1	07/07/2017
			29/06/2017
	Notification – Report only claim*	11	10/07/2017
			17/07/2017
			08/09/2017
			29/11/2017
			30/11/2017
			11/01/2018
			22/01/2018
			12/03/2018
	Other – Denied	1	28/05/2018
	Other – Lump Sum	2	11/10/2017
2018–19	Nil	0	04/06/2018
2019–20	Notification – Report only claim*	5	01/02/2018
			19/09/2019
			31/10/2019
			04/06/2020

2020–21	Medical expenses only	1	27/08/2020
	Notification – Report only claim*	69	21/07/2020
			28/09/2020
			08/10/2020
			20/11/2020
			26/11/2020
2021–22	Other – Lump Sum	1	14/05/2021
	Notification – Report only claim*	12	31/01/2022
			27/01/2022
			05/05/2021
			06/05/2021
			07/05/2021
			10/05/2021
	Other – Denied	1	07/05/2021
	Other – Lump Sum	1	24/02/2021
2022–23	Medical expenses and time off	1	08/02/2022
	Notification – Report only claim*	12	08/02/2023
	Other – Lump Sum	1	26/08/2020
	Other – Pending	1	28/12/2022
	Other – Psych Claim	1	12/11/2018

* 'Report only claims' may include multiple claims on the same date, or claims across multiple dates. These are not broken down as no injury has occurred, and no claims for medical expenses have been lodged to date.

The data above includes all reported claims; however, not all claims result in an injury or claim for expenses. The notification only claims are lodged by employees when they believe they may have been exposed to asbestos. They have no injury or need to claim expenses.

These figures are based on claims made against the department's workers' compensation policies. These policies cover the department's workers but do not cover other individuals who may be exposed to asbestos while undertaking work on the department's facilities, such as contracted tradespersons or asbestos removalists.