



Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Inquiry: Inquiry into the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (WorkCover Scheme Modernisation) Bill 2023

Hearing Date: 14 December 2023

Question[s] taken on notice

Directed to: Police Association Victoria, Chris Kennedy

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1. **David DAVIS, Page 41**

Question asked:

David DAVIS: Yes. You do not collate them from your members or get a report from them?

Chris KENNEDY: There are problems with reporting from the insurance agents and how they record issues. This goes to the issue where a member presents and it is originally recorded as anxiety and depression and subsequently, when in treatment, it is revealed as a trauma injury. The statistics are very difficult to extract. I could have a look to see what we have, and if I think I have any, I am happy to provide them to the Chair.

Response:

As I understand the question was directed as to the modality of injury i.e whether injuries are caused by exposure to trauma, stress, overwork etc. I have been unable to identify any data that The Police Association has that separates injuries on this basis. The data set out below classifies injuries into mental and physical by age and gender. In my experience it would be safe to assume all mental injuries for police relate to exposure to trauma.

Mental Injuries					
Standard claims received 2019-2023					
With No Return to Work as at 28 February 2023					
Total	658				
Gender					
Male	438	66.57%			
Female	220	33.43%			

Age					
	18-29	13	1.98%		
	30-39	125	19.00%		
	40-49	184	27.96%		
	50-59	268	40.73%		
	60-69	66	10.03%		
	70+	2	0.30%		
Physical Injuries					
Standard claims received 2019-2023					
With No Return to Work as at 28 February 2023					
Total		130			
Gender					
	Male	91	70.00%		
	Female	39	30.00%		
Age					
	18-29	6	4.62%		
	30-39	27	20.77%		
	40-49	25	19.23%		
	50-59	50	38.46%		
	60-69	21	16.15%		
	70+	1	0.77%		