

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Budget Estimates Hearing

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Supporting workplace safety

- ▼ As Victoria's OHS Regulator, WorkSafe is taking action to ensure employers are meeting their Occupational Health and Safety obligations
- ▼ WorkSafe has issued 12,888* improvements notices in 2019-2020
- ▼ 118* prosecutions completed
- ▼ As of midnight 30 November 2020, WorkSafe has undertaken 17,888 visits and enquires related to COVID-19, including 11,187 physical inspections where COVID-19 enquiries have been made.

*For year 2019-2020.



196,274

**CALLS TO WORKSAFE'S
ADVISORY LINE***



4,580,469

VISITS TO WORKSAFE'S WEBSITE*



47,831

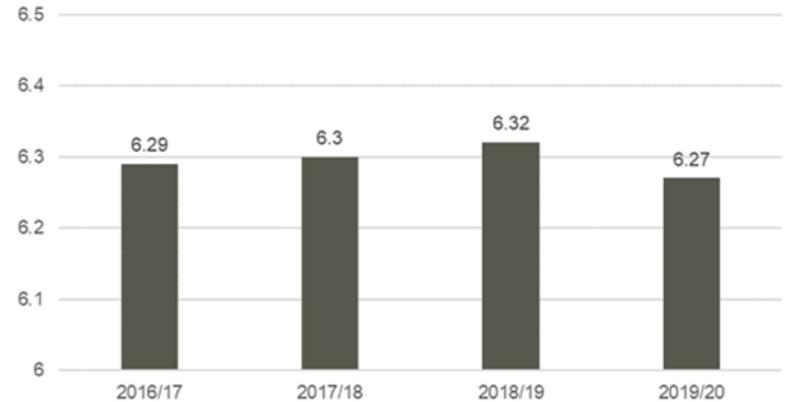
**WORKPLACE VISITS
CONDUCTED***

Supporting injured workers

- 82,711* injured workers were supported with treatment and/or weekly benefits in the 2019-20 financial year
- In 2019-2020 WorkSafe received 30,038 new claims
- 12,990* injured workers were assisted back to work, with a focus on tailoring services to better meet the needs of injured workers
- WorkSafe achieved a strong client service result of 90.0%
- Established the Workers Compensation Independent Review Service

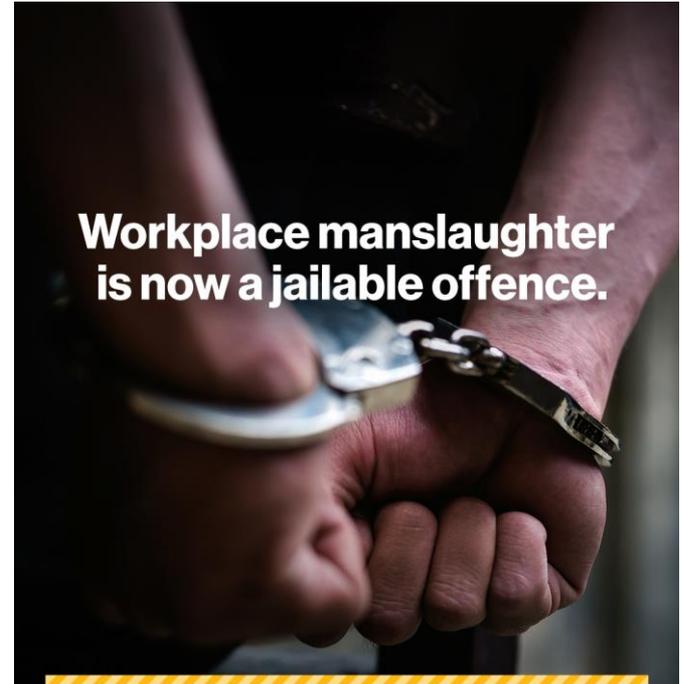
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Claims per million hours worked



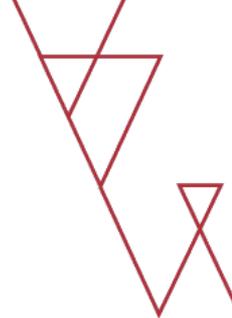
Delivering on our commitments

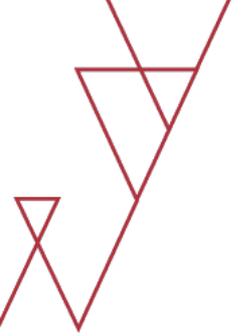
- ▼ Legislating workplace manslaughter laws in Victoria
- ▼ Recruiting more inspectors, including specialist construction inspectors
- ▼ Introducing legislation for provisional payments for mental injury WorkCover claims
- ▼ Progressing the Silica Action Plan



Driving reforms and raising awareness

- ▼ Launched comprehensive review into *Dangerous Goods Act 1985* and associated regulations
- ▼ Establishing the legislated Workplace Incidents Consultative Committee
- ▼ Publishing key guidance for employers and businesses to support them in creating safe and healthy workplaces
- ▼ Ran awareness and education campaigns to drive public awareness of the importance of workplace safety





Thank you.

