

PAEC 2021-22 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.
- Between July 2020 and May 2021, WorkSafe has:
 - issued over 8,700 improvement notices;
 - undertaken over 44,000 visits and enquires.



170,983
CALLS TO WORKSAFE'S
ADVISORY LINE*



10,867,153
VISITS TO WORKSAFE'S WEBSITE*



44,112
WORKPLACE VISITS CONDUCTED*

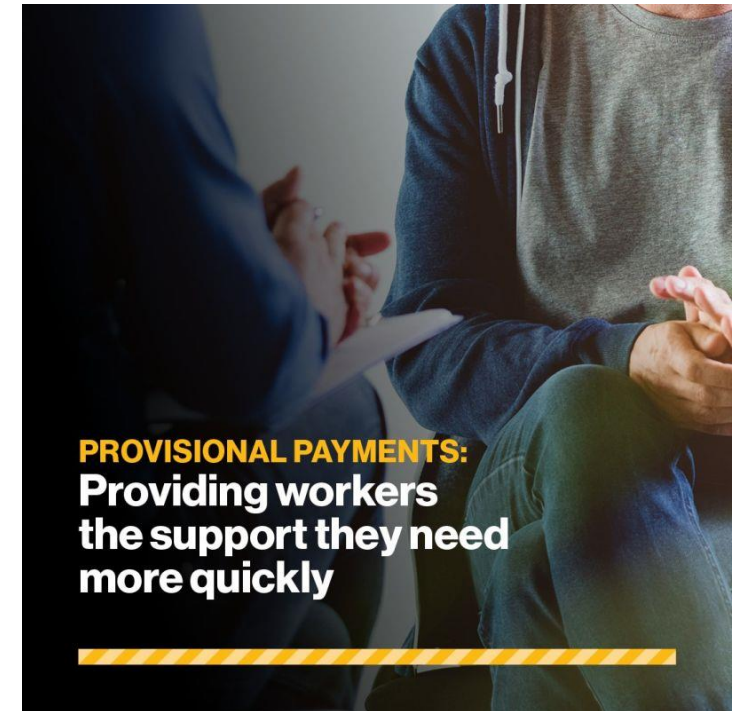
Supporting injured workers

- Over 75,200 injured workers have been supported with treatment and/or weekly benefits from July 2020 to May 2021.
- WorkSafe received over 25,220 new claims from July 2020 to May 2021.
- More than 11,880 injured workers have been assisted back to work from July 2020 to May 2021, with a focus on tailoring services to better meet the needs of injured workers.
- From July 2020 to May 2021, the Workers Compensation Independent Review Service received 330 valid applications, and issued 282 review outcomes.



Delivering for Victorian workers

- Implementing workplace manslaughter laws in Victoria
- Legislating provisional payments for mental injury WorkCover claims
- Legislating arbitration powers for the Accident Compensation Conciliation Service to issue binding determinations for WorkCover disputes
- Progressing the Sexual Harassment Reform Agenda
- Commencing development of psychological regulations
- Progressing the Silica Action Plan



Driving reforms and raising awareness

- Appointed the inaugural Workplace Incidents Consultative Committee (WICC)
- Established a Ministerial Taskforce on Workplace Sexual Harassment
- Published 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, including key issues such as farm safety, occupational violence, workplace sexual harassment and the risks of crystalline silica exposure





Thank you

