

2019-20 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Budget Estimates Hearing

The Hon. Jill Hennessy MP
Minister for Workplace Safety

Supporting Workplace Safety

- New portfolio, focused on delivering key 2018 Election commitments, including:
 - Workplace manslaughter laws
 - A safety in construction initiative
 - Introducing WorkSafe infringement notices
 - A WorkSafe provisional payments pilot and legislated scheme
 - Establishing a Latrobe Valley Regional Asbestos Forum
 - Protecting workers compensation rights

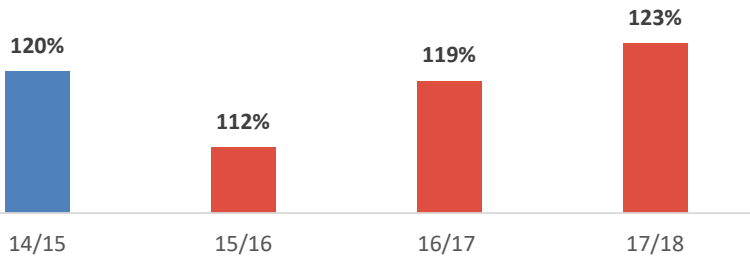
2019-20 Budget Initiatives

- Supporting workplace safety and fairness at work
 - \$16.6 million over four years
 - This initiative includes the introduction of infringement notices for a range of occupational health and safety offences, and expanding WorkSafe’s specialist capacity with inspectors to deal with unique health and safety risks on major construction projects
- Better mental health care for our emergency workers
 - \$8.5 million over three years
 - This initiative includes the 12 month pilot of a WorkCover provisional acceptance scheme to support emergency workers and volunteers – who lodge a claim for mental injury – to be compensated for medical and like expenses they incur while their claim is being assessed for a period of up to 13 weeks

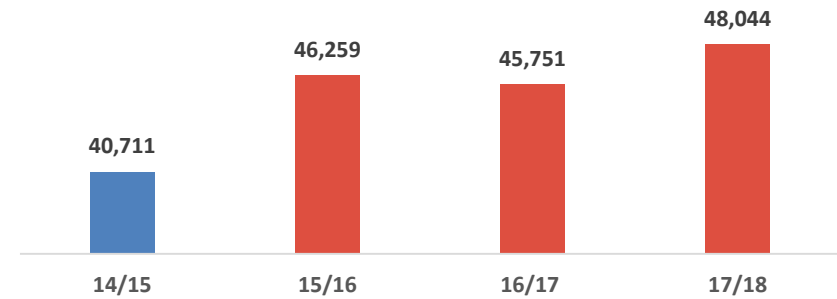
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Performance

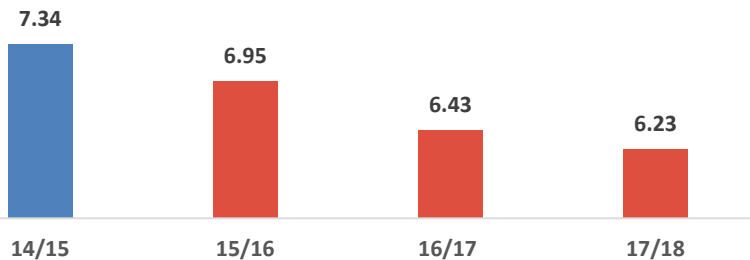
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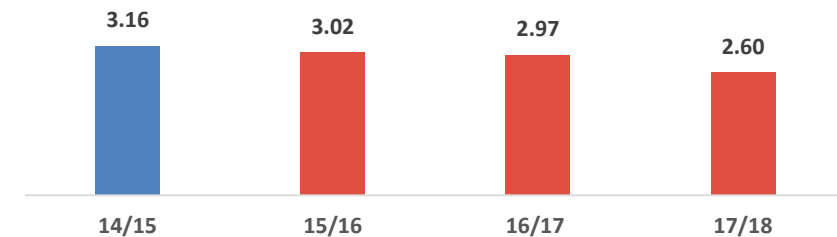
Inspector visits



Claims per million hours worked



Four week claims per million hours worked



Achievements

- Record number of inspectors, record number of inspection visits, and 91 per cent prosecution success rate in 2017-18
- First WorkSafe prosecution leading to a jail term under the OH&S Act
- New Silicosis Action Plan
- Quad Bike Safety Strategy to reduce the number of deaths that occur on Victorian farms
- WorkSafe WorkWell 5 year program to promote mental health and prevent mental injury in Victorian workplaces

Reforms

- Strengthening Victoria's dangerous goods laws and regulations
- Supporting the healthcare industry to make significant cultural changes through the Occupational Violence Against Healthcare Workers program
- Reforming the Youth Justice System to ensure facilities are secure and staff and community are safe