

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 2023 - 2024

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Committee Question Number: 170

Departmental Question Number: SQ24-000261

Division/Agency Name: DIV - People Culture and Change

Hansard Reference: Written (23 February 2024)

Topic: Matters referred to Comcare

Senator Jane Hume asked:

In relation to department/agency:

1. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?
2. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.
3. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?
4. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?

Answer:

The following information has been provided for the period of 1 November 2023 to 29 February 2024. Please refer to Committee Question Number 361 (SQ23-005016) from the 2023-24 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing for information prior to 1 November 2023.

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is committed to promoting and sustaining a robust safety and wellbeing culture – valuing physical and psychological health, safety and wellbeing and promoting inclusivity.

Three claims were referred to Comcare.

Airservices Australia

32 claims were referred to Comcare.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)

Two claims were referred to Comcare.

Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd (ARTC) – Including Inland Rail Pty Ltd (IRPL)

Inland Rail Pty Ltd (IRPL) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd (ARTC).

Four claims were referred to Comcare.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)

Four claims were referred to Comcare.

No other agencies within the Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development portfolio have had matters referred to Comcare within the period of 1 November 2023 to 29 February 2024.