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Topic: Workers' Compensation

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

1. How many workers' compensation claims were made in the 2014/15 financial year?
2. How many of these claims rejected at either the initial claim or internal reconsideration stage by Australia Post?
3. Of the claims that were initially rejected, how many employees progressed their claims to the Administrative Tribunal?
4. Of the claims that were initially rejected and then proceeded to the Tribunal, how many were upheld by the Tribunal?

Answer:

1. 1,276 workers' compensation claims were made in 2014/15.
2. 346 were initially denied (59 of these were subsequently accepted at reconsideration).
3. 63 employees progressed their claims to the Administrative Tribunal.
4. 14 denied decisions were upheld by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal; 2 were varied and accepted; 4 applications were dismissed and 43 claims are pending decision.