

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2002-2003 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING – 2 and 3 JUNE 2003**

**COMCARE**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome :** Agency

**Question Number:** W071-04

**Question:**

Senator Carr asked at *Hansard* page 227:

How many persons have returned to the workforce under the Rehabilitation programs?

**Answer:**

Since January 2001, 22 pre-premium claimants have received an assessment of their capability to engage in a return to work program, and 22 have commenced to participate in the return to work program. Of the 24 return to work plans that have been completed since January 2001, 19 actually returned to work, 11 with the same employer.

A recent review of 125 pre-premium files found that in 21 cases, medical information indicated that the claimant had some capacity to work. Comcare has written to these 21 inviting them to request a rehabilitation assessment. To date, 5 have responded to this invitation and Comcare will contact each claimant's former employer to arrange a rehabilitation assessment.