

**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:**   **W072-04**

**Question:**

Senator Carr asked at *Hansard* page 228:

Could a breakdown be provided of agencies who are performing poorly in regard to rehabilitation of their employees for this financial year?

**Answer:**

Of all the agencies that have had more than 10 accepted workers' compensation claims for injuries suffered in 2002-2003, the following agencies have the longest average durations of time off work to date:

| <i>Agency</i>                                    | <i>Average No. of Weeks</i> |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission | 7.0                         |
| Civil Aviation Safety Authority                  | 7.0                         |
| Aboriginal Hostels Limited                       | 3.5                         |
| Army and Air Force Canteen Service               | 2.9                         |
| Department of the Environment and Heritage       | 2.6                         |

Agencies with 10 or fewer accepted claims are not included in the above table as a small number of atypical claims can distort an agency's average performance.

The table does not include graduated return to work cases, ie where the employee returns to work initially for less than their pre-injury hours and over a period of time increases the hours.