

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Agency - Safe Work Australia**

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**Senator Bilyk asked on 28 May 2012 , Hansard page 91**

**Question**

**SWA - Workplace injuries in transport industry**

Senator BILYK: Do you have any idea what the cost of workplace injury in the transport industry might be? Mr Hoy: Sorry, I do not have that information. Senator BILYK: Are you able to get that information? Mr Hoy: I doubt we could, but I can make some inquiries. Senator BILYK: Could you take that on notice. Mr Hoy: Yes.

**Answer**

*Safe Work Australia has provided the following response:*

In March 2012 Safe Work Australia published the report *The Cost of Work-related Injury and Illness for Australian Employers, Workers and the Community: 2008-09*. The report estimates the total human costs of work-related incidents and includes loss of earnings, loss of human capital, medical and social welfare costs, costs of training and staff turnover. The report which is available on the Safe Work Australia website estimates the total cost for 2008-09 to be \$60.6 billion or 4.8 per cent of gross domestic product.

Table 2.3b on page 30 of the report provides a breakdown of the cost by broad industry division. The cost of work-related injury and illness in the Transport and storage industry is estimated at \$4.7 billion for the 2008-09 financial year.

Using the same methodology Safe Work Australia has estimated the cost of work-related injury and illness in the Transport industry as \$4.1 billion and more specifically in the Road transport industry as \$2.2 billion for the 2008-09 financial year.