

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

**Agency**                                    **Comcare**  
**DEEWR Question No.**                **EW603\_10**

Senator Marshall asked on 21 October 2009, EEWL Hansard page 21.

**Question**

***Percentage of rejected claims***

CHAIR—What percentage of new compensation claims are initially rejected by Comcare?  
Mr O'Connor—With regard to injury claims, I believe the number is about eight per cent, but I will take that on notice.

**Answer**

Comcare has provided the following response:

In 2008-09, Comcare determined 4024 new injury and disease compensation claims under the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*.

Of those 4024 claims, 866 were rejected (22% of total claims).

Breaking it down by injury and disease claims, the number of injury claims determined was 1824, of which 183 were rejected (10% of injury claims).

The number of disease claims determined was 2200, of which 683 were rejected (31% of disease claims).