

Question: HS5

Outcome #, Output #

Topic: COMPENSATION RECOVERY IN CHILD ABUSE CASES

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Senator Allison asked:

Is it possible to break down the number that you have suggested has been the subject of recovery into those which have been about child abuse?

Answer:

No. Cases are notified in broad categories such as common law, motor vehicle, public liability, workers compensation etc. Child abuse cases are generally reported under the common law category. The *Health and Other Services (Compensation) Act 1995* requires that the Health Insurance Commission is advised of the nature of an injury, however, the exact cause of injuries varies and sensitivity often means the exact circumstances of the injury are not provided.

Common law cases account for less than 10% of all compensation recovery cases. Recoveries from common law cases amount to less than 1% of the total amount of compensation paid.