



Civil Aviation Safety Authority

# Alcohol and Other Drugs

National Awareness Workshop

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- Housekeeping





# International Experience

- UK and USA testing for commercial sector for many years
- US Random drug testing started at 50%, now 25%. Alcohol testing now 10%
- Pilot rehabilitation success rate higher than 75%
- Fatal accidents attributable to alcohol or drug use within commercial operations now very low, private aviation sector remains a challenge





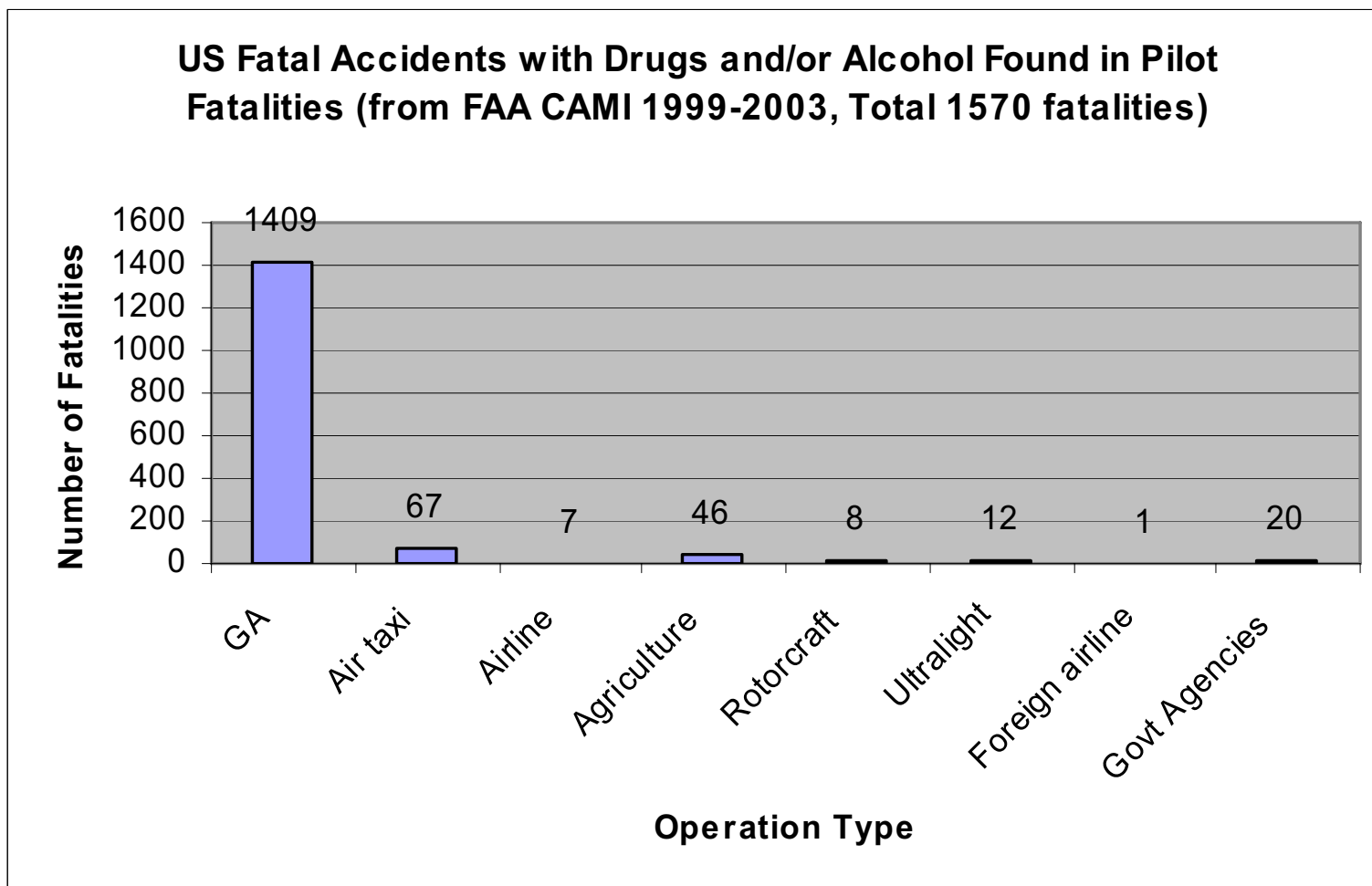
# Background

- 20 years ago CAR 256 was relevant as alcohol was the most common drug of choice. Now we find other drugs are becoming more prevalent
- Review into safety benefits of introducing alcohol and other drug testing for safety sensitive personnel in the aviation sector
- 'Safety Sensitive Personnel' includes at least all persons airside except passengers



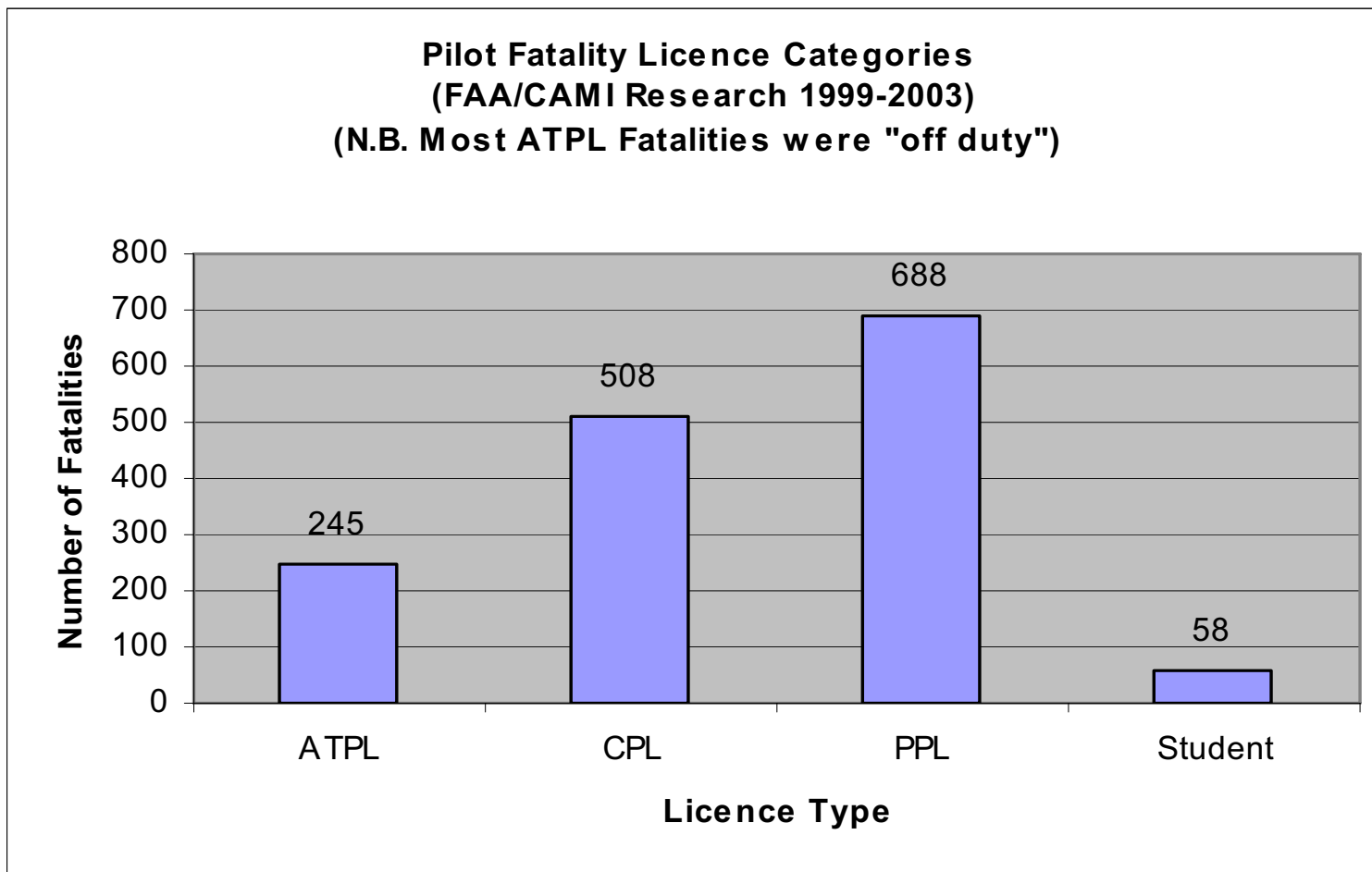


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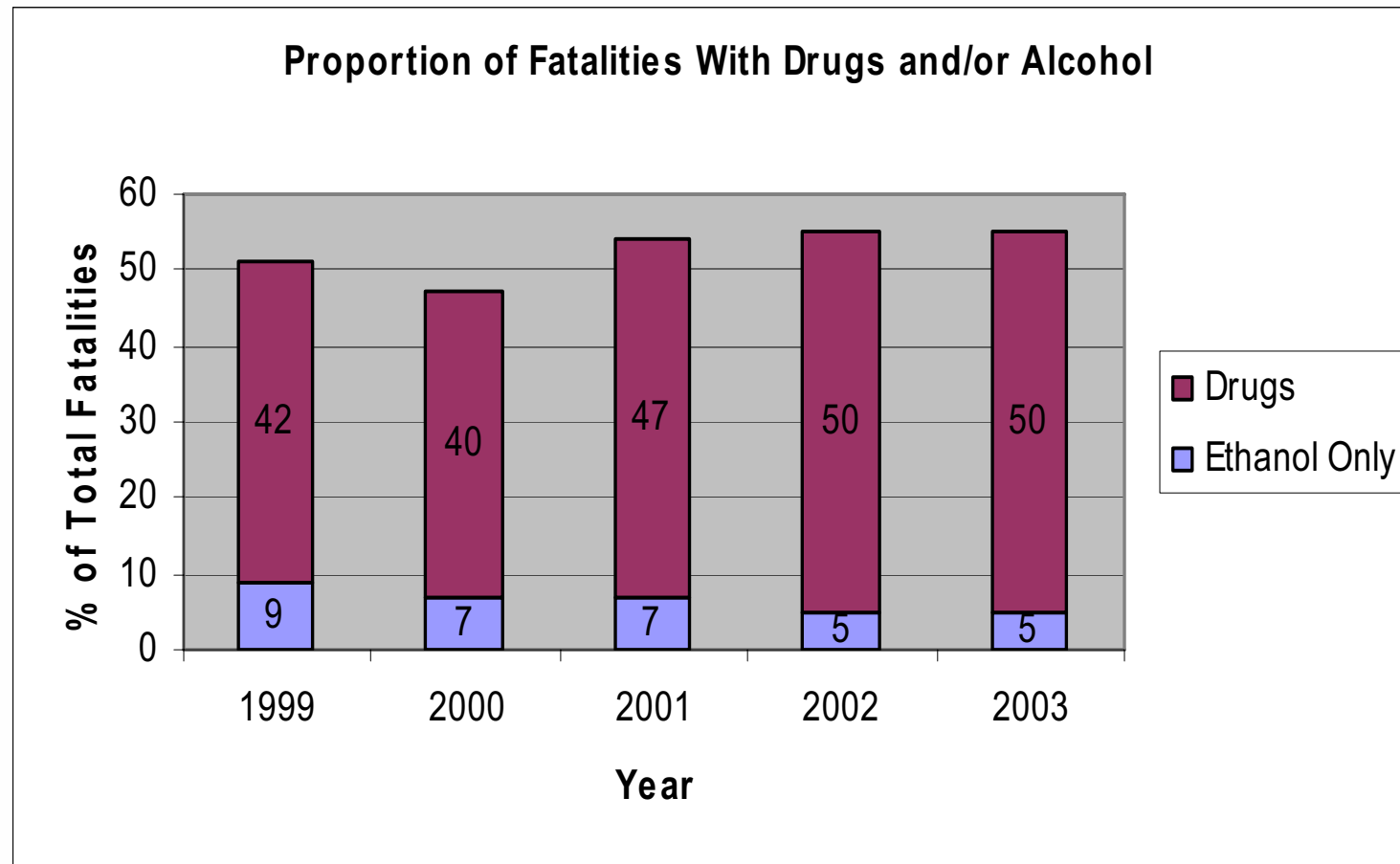


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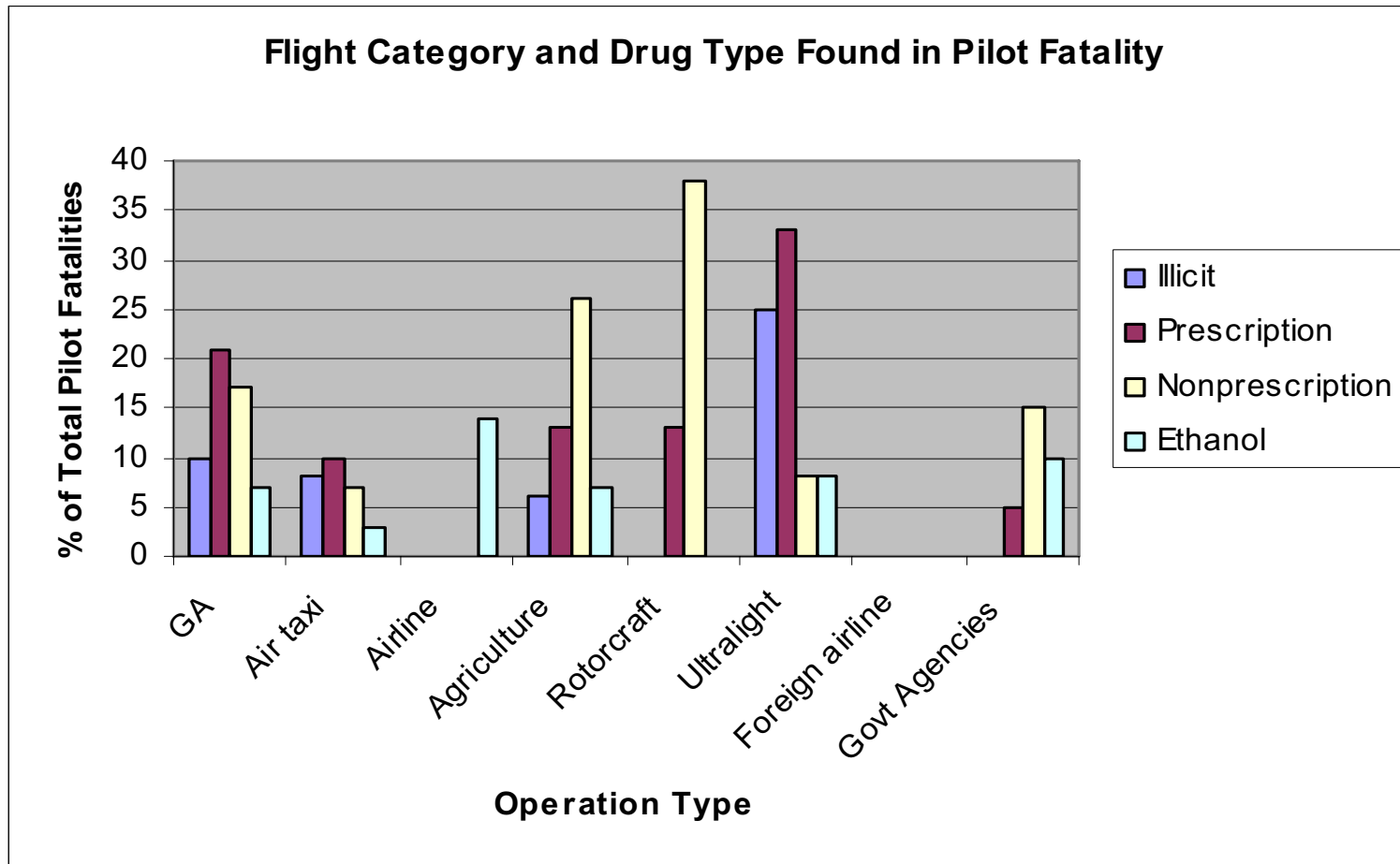


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# Australian aviation context

Report recommendations include:

- Programs administered by industry
- Applied to Safety Sensitive Personnel
- Random testing to apply to at least 5% of all Safety Sensitive Personnel p.a.
- Positive test results require immediate removal from safety sensitive role
- Testing to be but one part of a broader response including education employee assistance, rehabilitation and return to work programs





## Drug testing in other sectors

- Road
- Rail
- Mining
- Policing
- Engineering, Construction
- Military
- Some aviation organisations
- Some Government agencies





# Workshop outcomes

- Emphasis on the education and awareness raising of alcohol and other drug use
- Facilitate debate within the aviation community and produce informed and considered responses to the NPRM due November 2006





# Agenda

- Alcohol and other drugs in Australian society and the workplace
- Effects of Alcohol and Other Drugs on the individual
- An overview of testing
- Alcohol and other drugs policy
- Open forum

