

Estimates Committee 2011
Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Longest Running Workplace Injury Cases

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Question: **9-6**
The longest period of time that a case existing within the system and brought to completion? And the longest case that is still being assessed, but not completed?

Answer:
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Response to Question on Notice

Question 9.6

What is the longest period of time that a workplace injury case was existing within the system and brought to completion? And the longest case that is still being assessed, but not completed?

Response

- The longest workers compensation claim that was completed in 2010-11 was for 906 weeks (17 years and 22 weeks).
- The longest workers compensation claim that is still open is for 1253 weeks (24 years and 5 weeks).
- Both claims relate to employees of Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services.
- Note:
 1. Assessment of liability must be determined within 10 working days of the receipt of a workers compensation claim form.
 2. Ongoing assessment continues throughout the life of an open claim in order to determine the following:
 - approved and appropriate medical and rehabilitation treatment
 - monitoring of expected progress and recovery timeframes
 - review of ongoing liability and case management
 - projected estimate for future costs.

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