



# Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

## Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley, MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

In relation to: ACT Fire and Rescue workers compensation claims lodged

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Dr Marisa Paterson took on notice the following question(s):

**MS CASTLEY:** Yes, I understand that. It is similar in health. The minister has said the same. And so I have similar questions about workers' compensation as well. How many claims were lodged for those same years? And of the workers' compensation claims, how many related to psychological injury, work-related stress, bullying or harassment, victimisation, or other psychosocial hazards? And then if I may continue, how many ACT Fire & Rescue employees are currently absent from work and receiving workers' compensation benefits in relation to psychological injury, stress, bullying, harassment, victimisation or other workplace conduct matters? Do you have that number on you?

**Mr Cleary:** Not on me. I would have to take the—

**Dr Paterson:** We will take it on notice.

Dr Marisa Paterson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The table below provides the number of workers' compensation claims lodged and the number related to psychological injury.

| Financial Year | Workers' Compensation Claims<br>Lodged | Psychological Injury |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2025-26        | 28                                     | 5                    |
| 2024-25        | 30                                     | 8                    |
| 2023-24        | 32                                     | 5                    |
| 2022-23        | 24                                     | 5                    |

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From the current open psychological injury claims lodged from 2022-23 to 2025-26, there are six ACT Fire & Rescue employees absent from the workplace and receiving workers compensation benefits.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA