

Questions on Notice

Police Officers off work due to workplace injuries

Question

Mr EDMOND ATALLA: Due to workplace injuries. For example, the evidence from NSW Ambulance said 20 per cent of their workforce are on workers comp. I want to get a figure from the police perspective.

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Mr EDMOND ATALLA: Basically, I want to get a feel for the understaffing levels—people who are off duty due to workplace injuries and not backfilled, which leads to the understaffing of police officers. What percentage of positions are vacant as a result of workplace injuries?

Answer

The NSWPF Annual Report 2019-20 reports that the “number of hours lost per employee through workplace injury was 84 hours during 2019-20, up from 78 hours in 2018-19.”

To receive the data reported in the manner requested, the Committee would need to request it from the NSW Police Force, who own the data.

Average length of service

Mr EDMOND ATALLA: Thank you very much. Do you have any information on the average length of service of a police officer in New South Wales? What is the average length of service?

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Mr EDMOND ATALLA: Generally you would have a figure to say the average length of a police officer on service could be X number of years based on the average employment length of each officer who is currently serving.

Answer

Length of service for officers currently in the NSW Police Force at a point in time (ie from start date to today's date) is approximately:

- Mean: 13.9 Years
- Median: 12.7 years