

QUESTION ONE

How many people do you have on workers compensation whose original complaints were put down as interpersonal relationships originally? I can tell you there are a few cases, but can you tell me how many started off as interpersonal relationships and ended up as workers compensation claims?

Within the NSW Ambulance workers compensation system, 'injury complaint' is recorded by way of free text with the information being obtained from either the report submitted by the employee or someone on their behalf; or from the medical certificate provided by the employee's medical practitioner. There is no category of 'interpersonal relationship'.

At the time of analysis, there were 652 open workers compensation claims. Efforts were made to capture injuries similar to 'interpersonal relationship'. Claims that cited some kind of work conflict, bullying, harassment or other work stressors were included for the purposes of this response. Five per cent (33) of the open workers compensation claims fell within these identified categories.