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David Nicholas

Via email: Fyi-request-1547-34ab9e95@requests.fyi.org.nz

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Dear Mr David Nicholas

I refer to your official information request, received on 19 March 2014, requesting:

Please provide data that you hold about Serious Harm events by year (2007-2014) and employment sector.

Please find attached a table showing the number of serious harm incident notifications received under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 for the specified years.

The change in serious harm incident notifications reporting criteria resulted in fewer incidents meeting the threshold being recorded in 2013. This should be taken into account when making year on year comparisons.

You have the right to contest the manner of this release by seeking an investigation and review of that decision by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Rebecca Blowes, Team Manager Business Support at Rebecca.Blowes@worksafe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



John Munro
Manager – Operational Intelligence

Serious harm Notifications by Sector 2007 – 2014

Please note:
In 2011 the industry classifications changed, therefore the data is presented in a different way from 2011 onwards.

Industry Coding ANZIC 1996	2007	2008	2009	2010	Industry Coding ANZIC 2006	2011	2012	2013*	2014*
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	96	106	102	85	Accommodation and Food Services	116	127	102	30
Agriculture	344	333	306	320	Agriculture	321	409	312	101
Communication Services	70	43	43	39	Information Media and Telecommunications	27	19	14	5
Construction	761	718	623	630	Construction	661	716	608	161
Cultural and Recreational Services	312	256	291	316	Arts and Recreation Services	365	405	312	74
Education	763	974	1,100	1,047	Education and Training	1,151	1,183	676	62
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	74	70	92	42	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	111	98	87	13
Finance and Insurance	20	15	21	21	Financial and Insurance Services	20	29	13	3
Fishing	18	19	19	9	Fishing	21	5	15	2
Forestry	174	178	161	169	Forestry	183	188	163	36
Government Administration and Defence	182	191	188	166	Public Administration and Safety	202	255	161	28
Health and Community Services	456	470	525	536	Health Care and Social Assistance	512	484	393	96
Manufacturing	1,445	1,313	1,233	1,130	Manufacturing	1,146	1,144	801	193
Mining and Quarries	27	42	43	35	Mining	45	35	20	9
Not Elsewhere Included	139	531	159	121	Not Elsewhere Included	107	126	133	29
Personal and Other Services	168	134	164	171	Other Services	130	199	546	245
Property and Business Services	137	121	164	250	Administrative and Support Services	95	48	63	18
Retail Trade	423	385	473	441	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	28	25	28	6
Transport and Storage	389	346	362	356	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	19	13	13	1
Wholesale Trade	103	105	92	61	Retail Trade	426	407	348	54
					Transport, Postal and Warehousing	360	379	354	97
					Wholesale Trade	41	35	34	10

Please note:

- The statistics show the number of serious harm incidents, including fatalities, notified to the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment under the Health and Safety in Employment (HSE) Act 1992.

The statistics do not include:

- Serious harm and fatalities in the Maritime or Aviation sectors or due to work-related crashes on the road as these are investigated by Maritime New Zealand, the Civil Aviation Authority and the NZ Police respectively.
- Fatalities from long latency diseases caused by exposure to hazardous substances.

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*2013 and 2014 data is provisional and subject to change. Data for 2014 as at 9/04/2014.

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