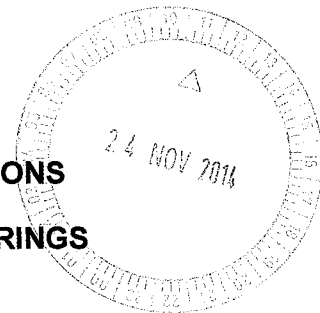# STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

2013/14 ANNUAL REPORT HEARINGS – QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARINGS

DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION

First Week in November 2014 and Second week of December 2014

Disability Services Commission

Question No. 7. Hon Alanna Clohesy MLC asked-

I refer to the "Effectiveness indicator 1", on page 151 - "Rates of serious incidents", and ask –

a) *How many actual serious incidents on people with disability were reported in 2012-2013 by category of incident, service type and outcome?*

Answer:

The Commission's serious incident reporting system collects information to report on trends and provide oversight, but is not an incident management system: this is undertaken through other means. As a result, 'outcomes' are not recorded against serious incidents.

Service category reflects only the location of the incident and should not be taken as indicative of the alleged perpetrator of the act.

The data below reflects only incidents that were reported to the Commission and does not purport to form a complete picture of acts against people with disability.

Service Category	Type of Incident	Number of Incidents
Accommodation Support	Death	0
	Abuse / Assault (physical, psychological or sexual)	10
	Neglect	0
Other Funded Support	Death	0
	Abuse / Assault (physical, psychological or sexual)	7
	Neglect	5
Not in service at time of incident	Death	0
	Abuse / Assault (physical, psychological or sexual)	55
	Neglect	18

Data reflects reported acts against people with disability that are confirmed or not disproved. Acts reported on multiple occasions or by multiple parties are counted only once.

* *While any death of a person with disability is a reportable incident, only deaths not attributed to natural causes are included.*

b) How many actual serious incidents on people with disability were reported in 2013-2014 by category of incident, service type and outcome?

Answer:

The Commission's serious incident reporting system collects information to report on trends and provide oversight, but is not an incident management system: this is undertaken through other means. As a result, 'outcomes' are not recorded against serious incidents.

Service category reflects only the location of the incident and should not be taken as indicative of the alleged perpetrator of the act.

The data below reflects only incidents that were reported to the Commission and does not purport to form a complete picture of acts against people with disability. Of note, the Commission revised and re-publicised its reporting system at the commencement of 2013-14, which may be a reason for the higher number of incidents reported in relation to people not in a service at the time of the incident.

Service Category	Type of Incident	Number of Incidents
Accommodation Support	Death	0
	Abuse / Assault (physical, psychological or sexual)	12
	Neglect	0
Other Funded Support	Death	0
	Abuse / Assault (physical, psychological or sexual)	16
	Neglect	3
Not in service at time of incident	Death	0
	Abuse / Assault (physical, psychological or sexual)	71
	Neglect	11

Data reflects reported acts against people with disability that are confirmed or not disproved. Acts reported on multiple occasions or by multiple parties are counted only once.

* *While any death of a person with disability is a reportable incident, only deaths not attributed to natural causes are included.*

c) *How many actual serious incidents on staff were reported in 2012-2013 by category of incident, service type and outcome?*

Answer:

In 2012-2013 information was not collected for serious incidents on staff.

d) *How many actual serious incidents on staff were reported in 2013-2014 by category of incident, service type and outcome?*

Answer:

In 2013-2014 the Commission commenced the collection of information on serious incidents in the category of "Assault on Staff member or Visitor" as shown in table below.

Service Category	Type of Incident	Number of Incidents
Accommodation Support	Assault on Staff member or Visitor	14
Other Funded Service	Assault on Staff member or Visitor	24
Not in Service	Assault on Staff member or Visitor	Data not recorded

e) *How many incidents were reported to police or other investigative bodies in 2012-2013 (by category of incident, service type and outcome)?*

Answer:

The Commission does not collect this data.

f) *How many incidents were reported to police or other investigative bodies in 2013-2014 by category of incident, service type and outcome)?*

Answer:

The Commission does not collect this data.