

# Permanent Disability - Summary of Responses

## **Issue:**

AWCBC defines a Lost-Time Claim as any injury or occupational disease wherein a worker is compensated for a loss of wages or receives compensation for a permanent disability with or without any lost time in employment.

Based on the NWISP Committee Survey results, most jurisdictions (7) include PD claims in their data submission, 4 do not.

## **Resolve:**

In keeping with our mandate of achieving consistency for National reporting and given that the majority of jurisdictions currently include PD claims in the annual data submission, it is desirable to have the 4 jurisdictions which currently do not submit PD claims to do so moving forward for AWCBC reporting purposes. Additionally, would there be value in flagging these claims as PD in the data submission?

Are there any barriers (system or otherwise) that could potentially limit this goal? If achievable this would be on a move-forward basis with no adjustment to prior year data and preferably for the 2017 submission.

## **Action Item:**

Can jurisdictions please provide approximately how many Permanent Disability claims they had for 2015 to assess the magnitude of the non-reporting?

## **Summary of Responses:**

<b>Juris:</b>	<b>Response:</b>
NL	U/A
PE	U/A
NS	To date, we (NS) have not been counting / including permanent disability claims with no wage-loss in our time loss volumes / submissions. If we were to include claims registered in 2015 with permanent disability benefits paid in 2015 and / or the first 3 months of 2016 (and no wage loss benefits during the same period), we would have reported an additional 212 (17 of which were from SI employers) claims in our 2015 submission. Going forward, there is no barrier to us reporting claims of this type from a data extraction stand point.
NB	U/A

<b>Juris:</b>	<b>Response:</b>
QC	<i>U/A</i>
ON	<i>U/A</i>
MB	<i>U/A</i>
SK	For the 2015 year, Saskatchewan had 133 permanent disability claims that were not included in our NWISP submission.
AB	<i>U/A</i>
BC	<i>U/A</i>
YT	<i>U/A</i>
NT/NU	We have Hearing Loss and Industrial Disease codes in our system that are included in our NWISP submission IF they have compensation payments. There were 3 of these claims in our 2015 submission.