

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEAL TRIBUNAL (WCAT)  
QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2017**

WCAT's mandate is to decide appeals brought by workers and employers from decisions of the Workers' Compensation Board, operating as WorkSafeBC (the Board). WCAT decides compensation, assessment, and prevention appeals from decisions of the Review Division of the Board. We also decide direct appeals from Board decisions regarding discriminatory action complaints, and compensation claim reopenings by application, as well as applications for certificates to the Court.

As of March 31, 2017, our total active inventory was 3,232 appeals. The vast majority of appeals are compensation appeals.

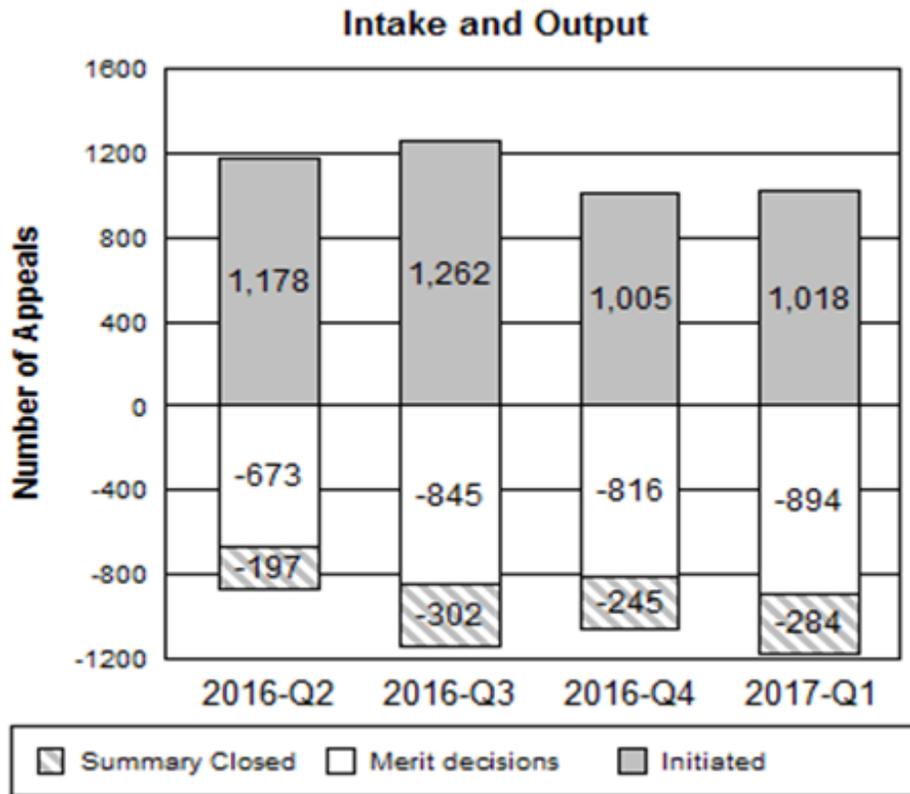
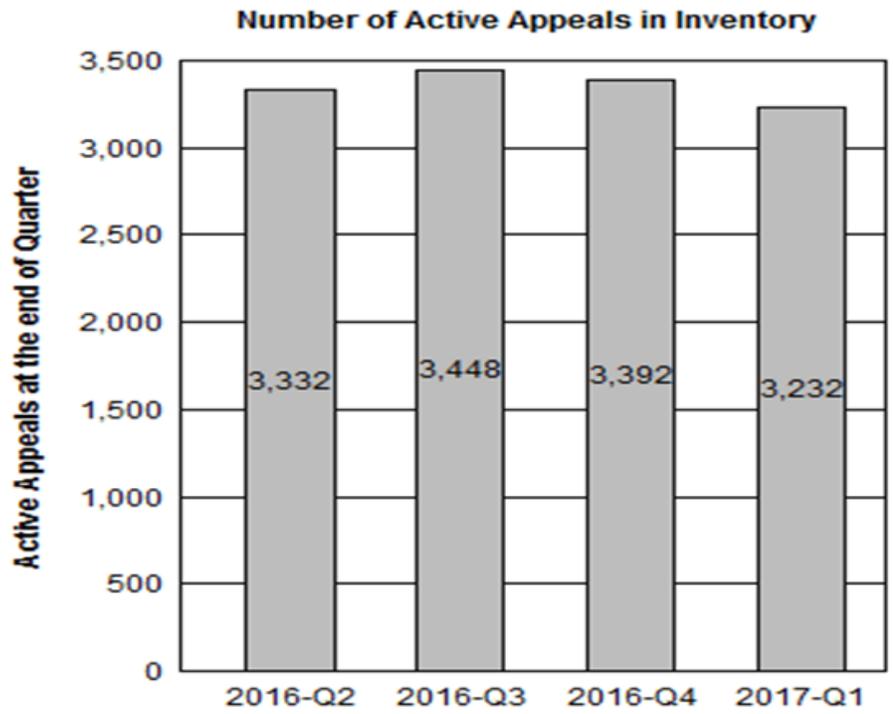
During the first quarter of 2017, we made decisions on the merits of 894 appeals and made summary decisions on a further 284 appeals that were rejected, dismissed, withdrawn, or suspended. An appeal may raise numerous issues and WCAT may allow, allow in part, or deny the appeal on each issue. During the quarter, we decided 1,124 issues.

When WCAT makes a decision on the merits of an appeal, the decision under appeal may be varied, confirmed, or cancelled by WCAT. "Vary" means that WCAT varied the previous decision in whole or in part. Accordingly, whether WCAT has fully granted the remedies requested by the appellant on all issues arising under the appeal or merely changed a minor aspect of the previous decision, the decision is considered to have been "varied." "Confirm" means that WCAT agreed with all aspects of the previous decision. "Cancel" means that WCAT set aside the previous decision without a new or changed decision being provided in its place.

During the quarter, WCAT confirmed 60% of the decisions under appeal, varied 38% and cancelled 2%. In deciding the issues rising out of those appeals, WCAT allowed the appeals on 27% of the issues, allowed them in part on 8% and denied them on 65%.

Attached are graphs and tables that contain further statistical information.

Andrew Pendray  
Chair



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For the period ended March 31, 2017

**Outcome of Merit Decisions**

	<b>First Quarter 2017</b>		<b>Last 12 Months</b>	
CANCEL	18	2.1%	71	2.2%
CONFIRM	527	60.1%	1,837	57.6%
VARY	332	37.9%	1,283	40.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,191</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Outcome of Issues**

	<b>First Quarter 2017</b>		<b>Last 12 Months</b>	
Allowed	301	26.9%	1,155	27.9%
Allowed in Part	96	8.6%	423	10.2%
Denied	724	64.6%	2,557	61.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,135</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Reasons for Issue Outcomes**

	<b>First Quarter 2017</b>		<b>Last 12 Months</b>	
Denied	724	64.6%	2,557	61.8%
Error In Law	3	0.3%	20	0.5%
Error In Policy	7	0.6%	34	0.8%
Reweigh Existing Evidence	95	8.5%	375	9.1%
Reweigh New Evidence	292	26.0%	1,149	27.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,135</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*The Last 12 Months for outcomes of merit decisions, issues and reasons for issue outcomes only reflects appeals decided in WCAT's new case management system as we were transitioning from one system to another.