

REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

Weekly incident summary

2 November 2016

Note: While the majority of incidents are reported and recorded within a week of the event, some are notified outside this time period. The incidents in this report therefore have not necessarily occurred in a one week period. All newly recorded incidents, whatever the incident date, are reviewed by the Chief Inspector and senior staff each week. For more comprehensive statistical data refer to our [Annual Performance Measures Reports](#).

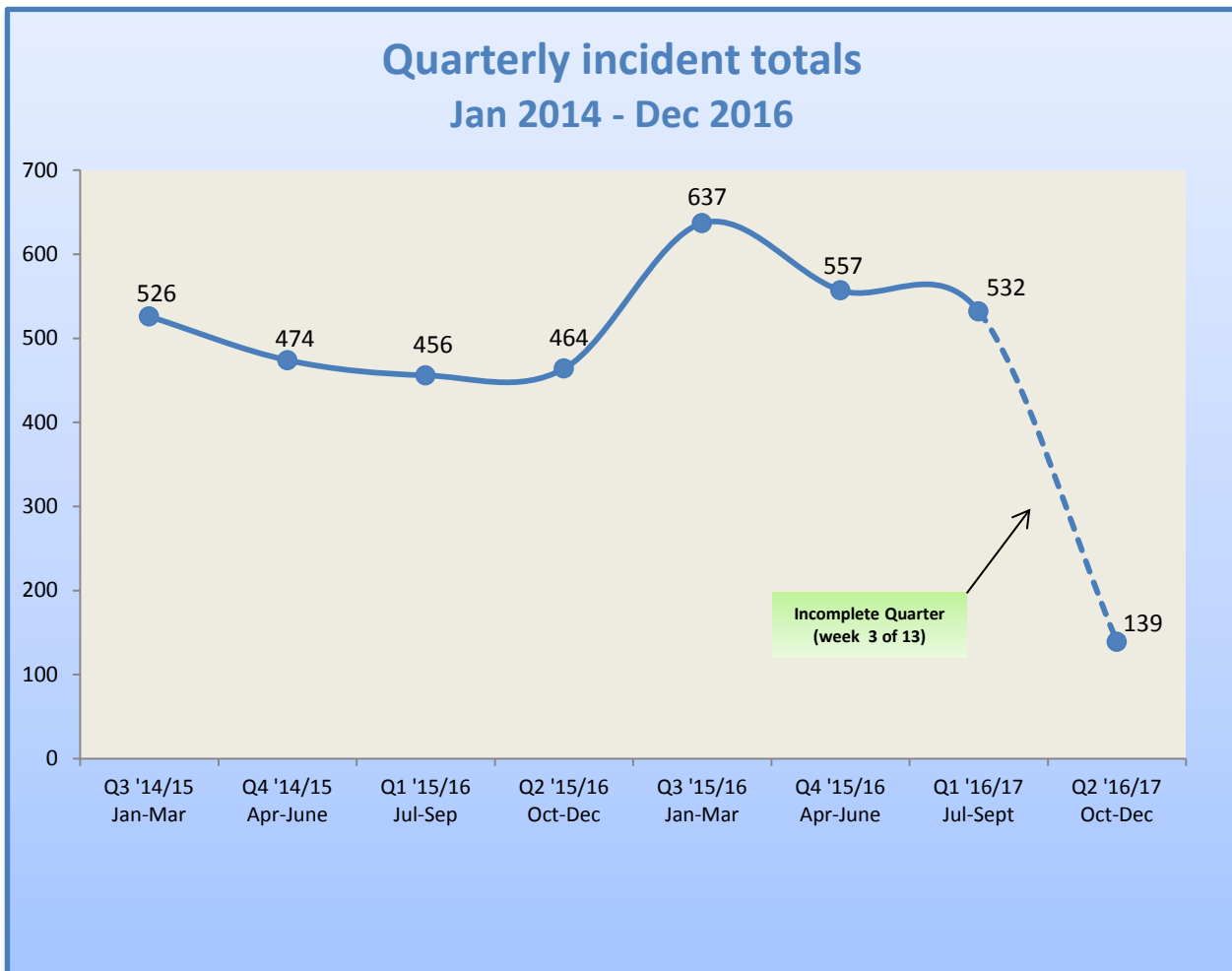
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Reportable incidents total: 49 Summarised incidents: 3

Summarised incidents – incidents of note for which operators should consider the comments provided and determine if action needs to be taken.

Incident type	Summary	Comment to industry
High potential incident SInNot 2016/00645	A tipper mounted water tanker was travelling when the tipper raised, catching on overhead 415V powerlines. The power lines were torn down away from the supply point. Nobody was injured.	<p>This incident highlights two categories of control measures that were not present or effectively operating on the day of the incident:</p> <p>The first was the protection of the overhead powerline from vertically extendable equipment, and the second was protection from operating mobile plant while the tipper was raised.</p> <p>This is a timely reminder to all mines that most hazards are controlled by multiple layers of safeguards, and the unwanted event occurs when all of the safeguards fail together, either at the time, or are permanently in the failed state. Duty holders must be vigilant and have effective arrangements to identify and correct absent or failed controls.</p>
Serious injury SInNot 2016/00626	A contractor ute with two occupants was travelling down a straight road when it rolled and came to rest with the ute wheels over a bund. The ute had rolled four times. The occupants walked to the crushing plant, where an ambulance was called.	<p>Operations should review their traffic management plans to ensure that ramps and roads have adequate bunding; well-maintained surfaces and drainage; appropriate speed limits; suitable widths; adequate signs and lighting; and have grades that do not exceed the capabilities of mobile plant used at the mine. It is also important to reinforce site traffic rules with mine workers and to review fitness for work protocols.</p> <p>Ensure seat belts are being worn at all times.</p>

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Serious injury SInNot 2016/00667	<p>A load haul dump operator may have lost consciousness because of failure/fault with an air conditioning unit in the cabin. The operator heard a noise and mist come from the air conditioning unit in the top of the cabin. He stopped the vehicle, radioed in the incident, felt dizzy, got out of the cabin and may have lost consciousness for a few seconds. Another LHD operator in next extraction drive heard his radio call and went to the operator's assistance. Emergency rescue officers arrived and transported him to the surface for assessment.</p>	<p>The investigation found that over time, vibration had loosened the air conditioning unit and the hose connected to it had rubbed against other components, allowing a fluid escape. The mine operator is working closely with the OEM to engineer a solution.</p> <p>Mine operators should ensure that good maintenance practices are carried out including ensuring any visual inspections are thorough, including removing covers where they obscure components. The OEM should be made aware of any potential design issues whenever there are any incidents such as these.</p>



Recent incident publications

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