



WCAT

**Workers' Compensation
Appeal Tribunal**

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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEAL TRIBUNAL (WCAT)
QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

WCAT commenced operations on March 3, 2003. Our mandate is to decide appeals brought by workers and employers from decisions of the Workers' Compensation Board, operating as WorkSafeBC (the Board). WCAT receives compensation, assessment, and prevention appeals from decisions of the Review Division of the Board. We also receive direct appeals from Board decisions regarding compensation claim reopenings by application, discriminatory action complaints, and applications for certificates to the Court.

As of December 31, 2007, our total active inventory was 3,613 appeals.

During the fourth quarter of 2007, we decided 1,124 appeals on their merits and made summary decisions on a further 304 appeals that were rejected, dismissed, withdrawn, or suspended. During the quarter, WCAT confirmed the decision of the Board or the previous decision-maker in 60% of the cases, and varied or cancelled these decisions in whole or in part in 40% of the cases.

In the fourth quarter of 2007, our intake amounted to 1,252 appeals.

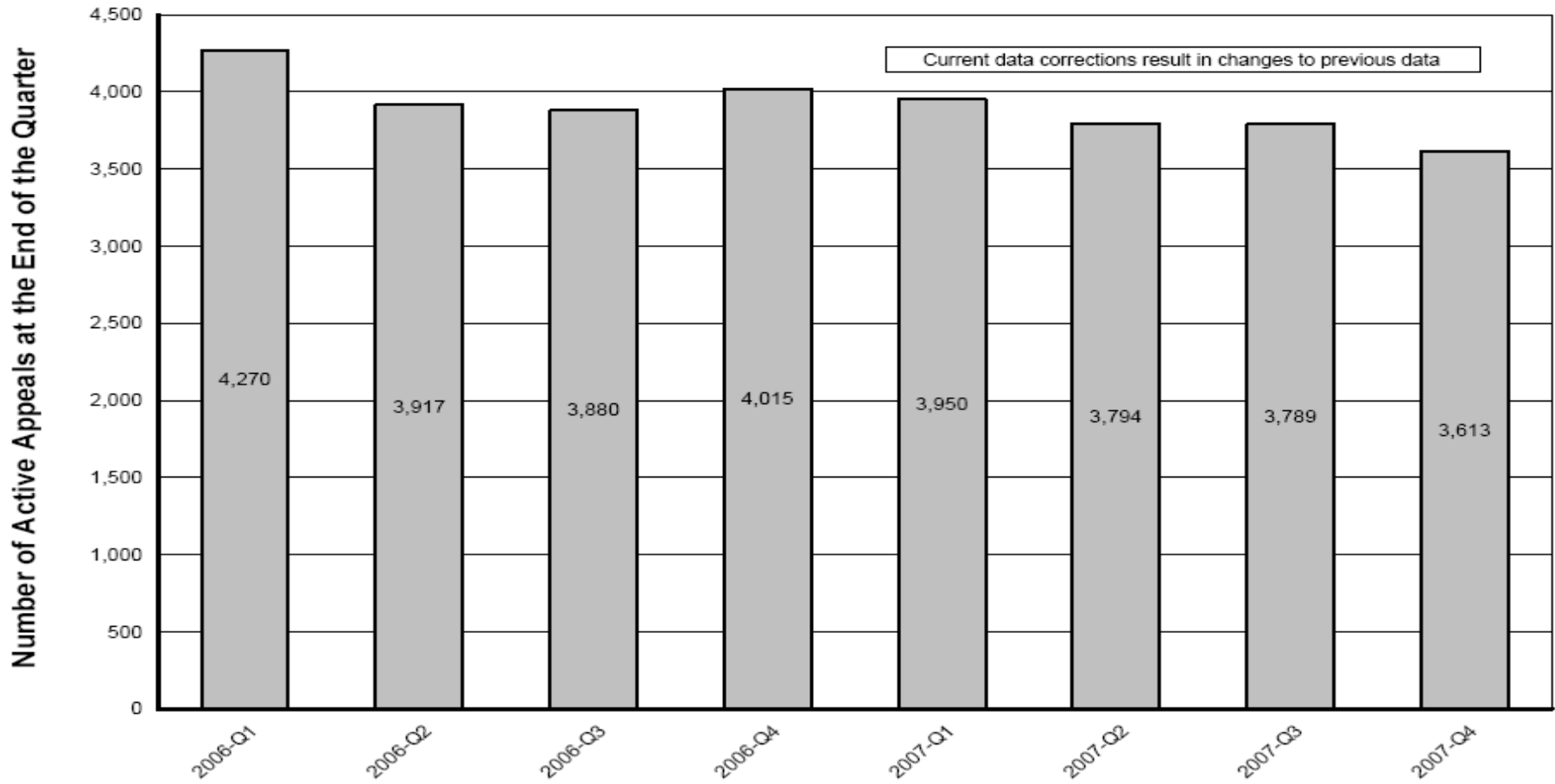
WCAT's intake of new appeals for 2007 was 5,166 compared to 5,800 in 2006. The majority of appeals are compensation appeals.

Attached are graphs and tables that contain further details on WCAT's activities.

Jill Callan
Chair

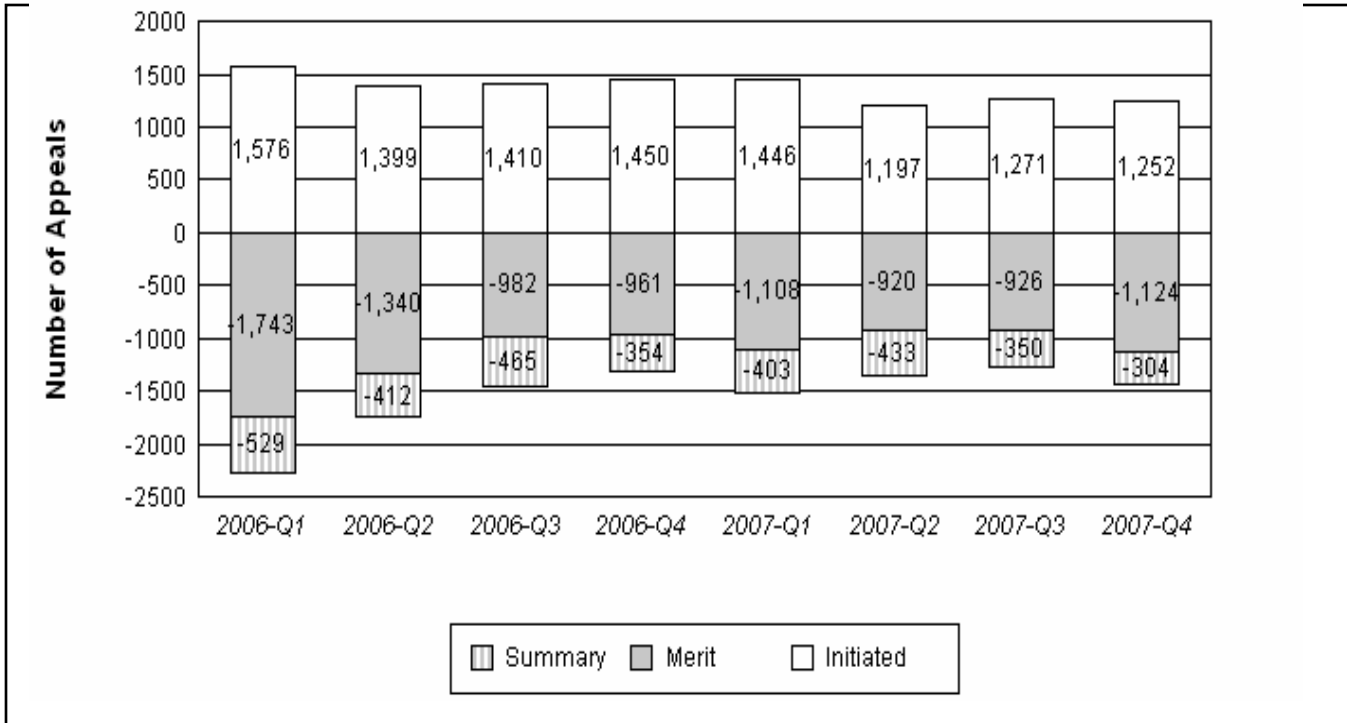
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Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal Number of Active Appeals In Inventory



A. SUMMARY STATISTICS - ALL APPEALS

INTAKE and OUTPUT



1. OUTCOMES of MERIT DECISIONS:

Outcome	2007-Q4	Last 12 Months
Confirm	59.9%	60.1%
Vary	40.0%	39.9%
Cancelled	0.1%	0.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

2. OUTCOMES of ISSUES:

Outcome	2007-Q4	Last 12 Months
Denied	63.0%	64.4%
Allowed	29.3%	27.4%
Allowed in Part	7.7%	8.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

3. REASONS for ISSUE OUTCOMES:

Outcome	2007-Q4	Last 12 Months
Denied	63.0%	64.4%
Error in Law	1.2%	1.4%
Error in Policy	1.3%	1.1%
Reweigh Existing Evidence	7.1%	7.2%
Reweigh with New Evidence	27.4%	25.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%