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**Workers' Compensation
Appeal Tribunal**

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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEAL TRIBUNAL (WCAT)
QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 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 (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 June 30, 2007, our total active inventory was 3,730 appeals.

During the second quarter of 2007, we decided 920 appeals on their merits and made summary decisions on a further 467 appeals that were rejected, dismissed, withdrawn, or suspended.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.

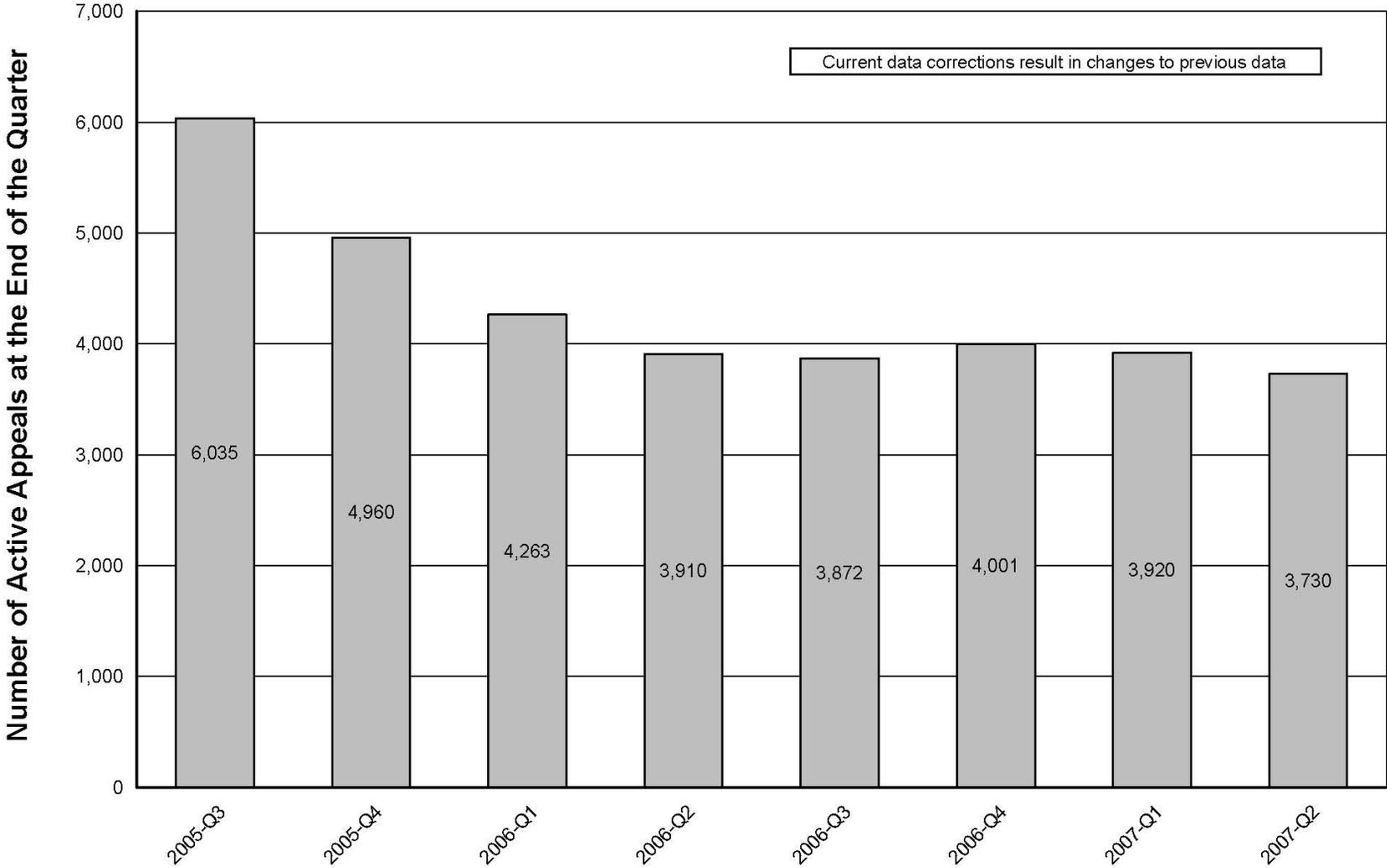
In the second quarter of 2007, our intake amounted to 1,197 appeals. Although our intake volume is down from the first quarter of 2007, a trend can not be established at this time.

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

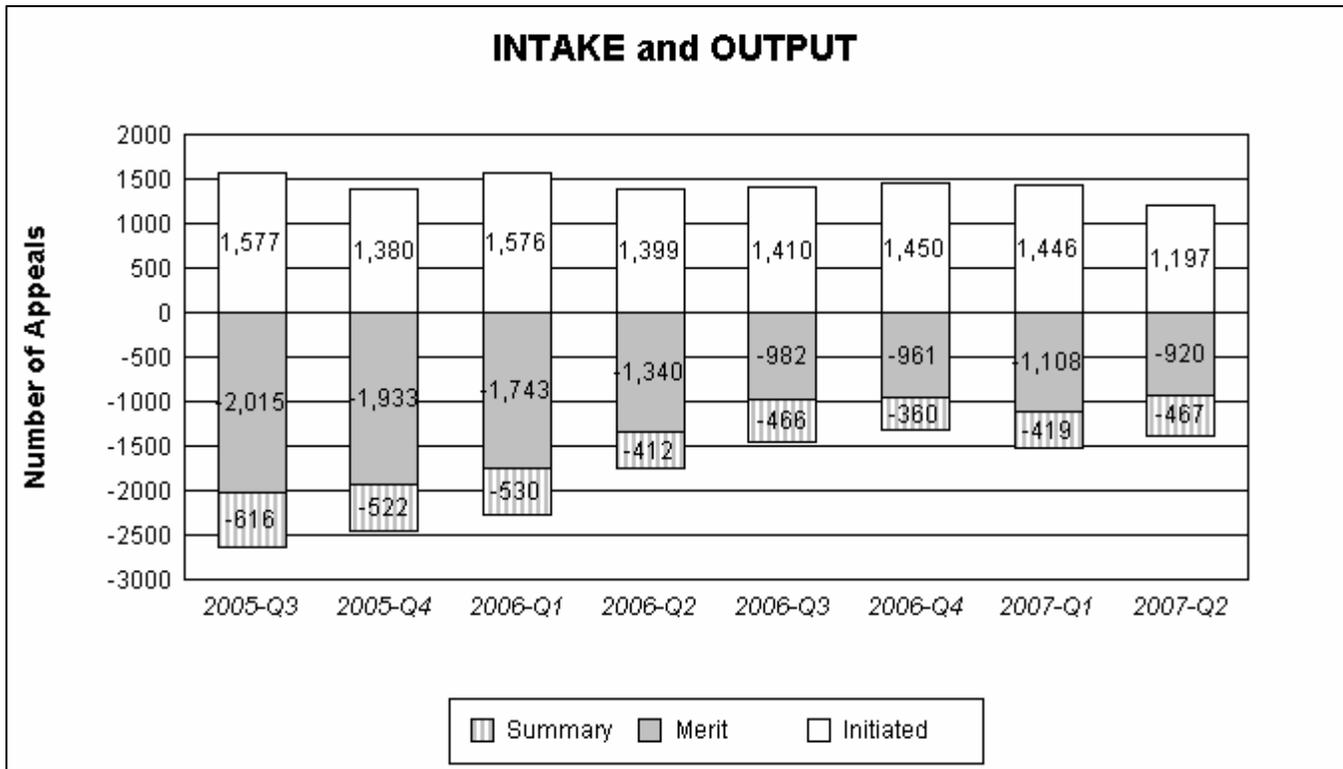
Jill Callan
Chair

Attachment

**Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal
Number of Active Appeals In Inventory**



A. SUMMARY STATISTICS - ALL APPEALS



1. OUTCOMES of MERIT DECISIONS:

Outcome	2007-Q2	Last 12 Months
Confirm	60.3%	61.8%
Vary	39.7%	38.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

2. OUTCOMES of ISSUES:

Outcome	2007-Q2	Last 12 Months
Denied	64.4%	65.9%
Allowed	26.5%	26.3%
Allowed in Part	9.1%	7.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

3. REASONS for ISSUE OUTCOMES:

Outcome	2007-Q2	Last 12 Months
Denied	64.4%	65.9%
Error in Law	1.1%	1.4%
Error in Policy	0.6%	1.0%
Reweigh Existing Evidence	6.6%	7.3%
Reweigh with New Evidence	27.3%	24.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%