



**WCAT**

**Workers' Compensation  
Appeal Tribunal**

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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEAL TRIBUNAL (WCAT)  
QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2008**

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 March 31, 2008, our total active inventory was 3,402 appeals.

During the first quarter of 2008, we decided 1,061 appeals on their merits and made summary decisions on a further 308 appeals that were rejected, dismissed, withdrawn, or suspended.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.

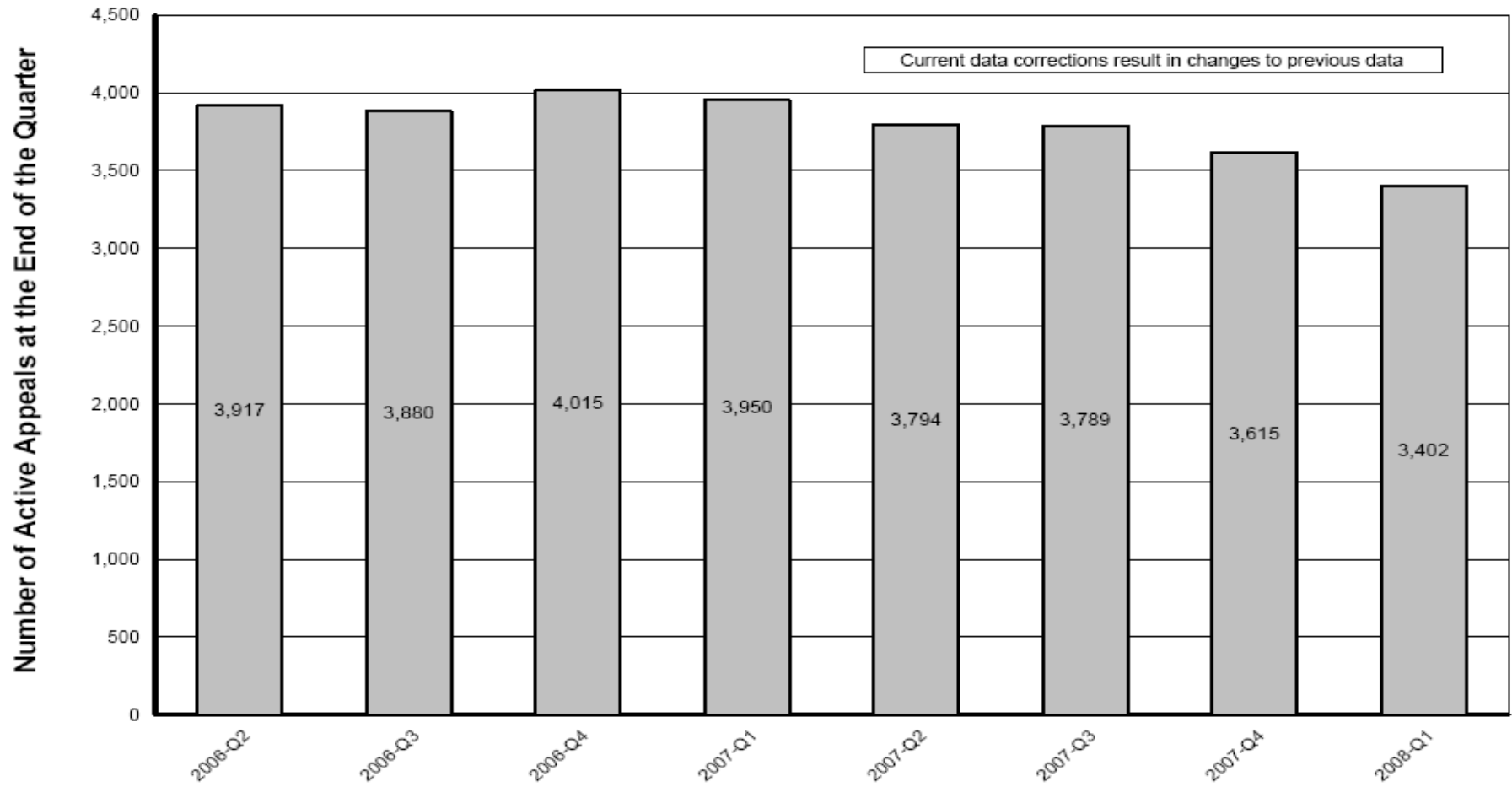
In the first quarter of 2008, our intake amounted to 1,156 appeals. The majority of appeals are compensation appeals.

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

Jill Callan  
Chair

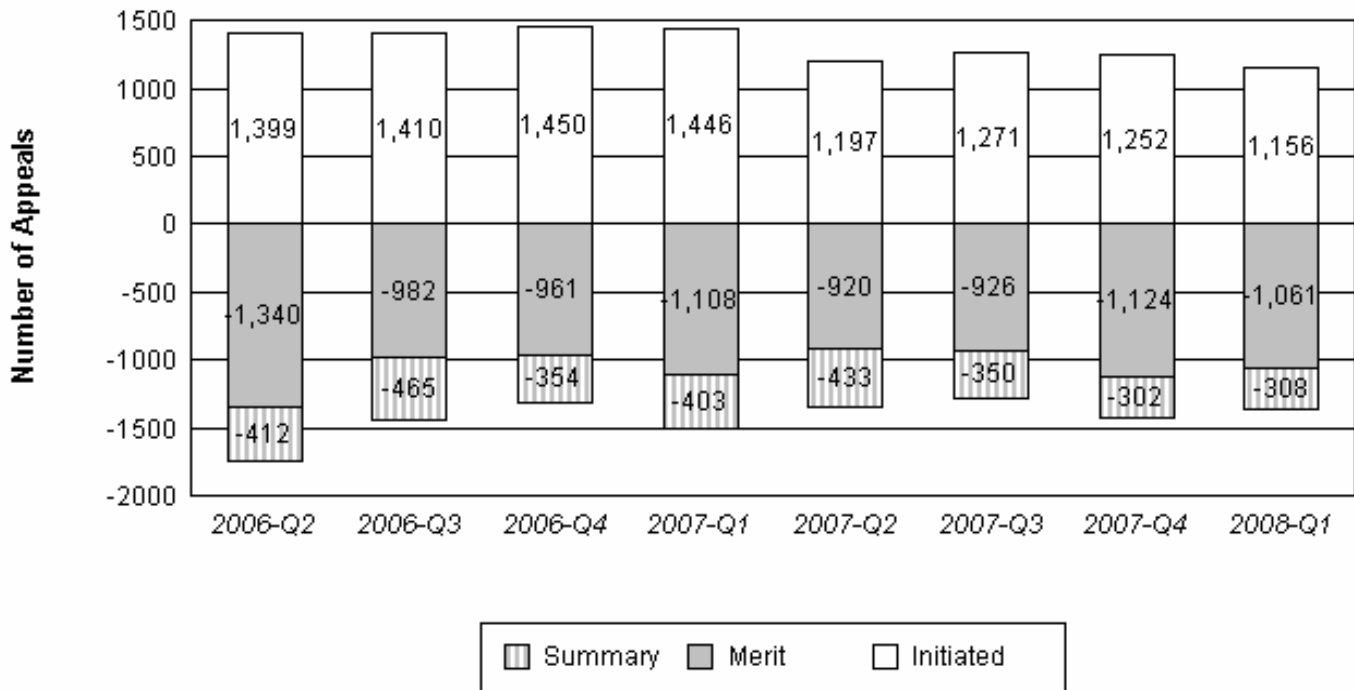
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### Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal Number of Active Appeals In Inventory



A. SUMMARY STATISTICS - ALL APPEALS

## INTAKE and OUTPUT



**1. OUTCOMES of MERIT DECISIONS:**

Outcome	2008-Q1	Last 12 Months
Confirm	60.9%	59.9%
Vary	39.1%	40.1%
Cancelled	0.0%	0.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

**2. OUTCOMES of ISSUES:**

Outcome	2008-Q1	Last 12 Months
Denied	65.4%	64.2%
Allowed	27.5%	27.8%
Allowed in Part	7.1%	8.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

**3. REASONS for ISSUE OUTCOMES:**

Outcome	2008-Q1	Last 12 Months
Denied	65.4%	64.2%
Error in Law	1.1%	1.1%
Error in Policy	0.6%	0.9%
Reweigh Existing Evidence	7.6%	7.3%
Reweigh with New Evidence	25.3%	26.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%