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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEAL TRIBUNAL (WCAT)
QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

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, now 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, 2006, our total active inventory was 3,956 appeals. This represents a reduction of 24% from the active inventory at the end of 2005.

During the fourth quarter of 2006, we decided 962 appeals on their merits and made summary decisions on a further 382 appeals that were rejected, dismissed, withdrawn, or suspended. During the quarter, WCAT confirmed the decision of the Board or the previous decision-maker in 61% of the cases, and varied or cancelled these decisions in whole or in part in 39% of the cases. During the past year, WCAT confirmed the decision of the Board or the previous decision-maker in 63% of the cases and varied or cancelled these decisions in whole or in part in 37% of the cases.

In the fourth quarter of 2006, our intake amounted to 1,450 appeals. Intake volume was up 2.84% from the 1,410 new appeals we received in the third quarter of 2006, and down 8% from the 1,576 new appeals we received in the first quarter of 2006.

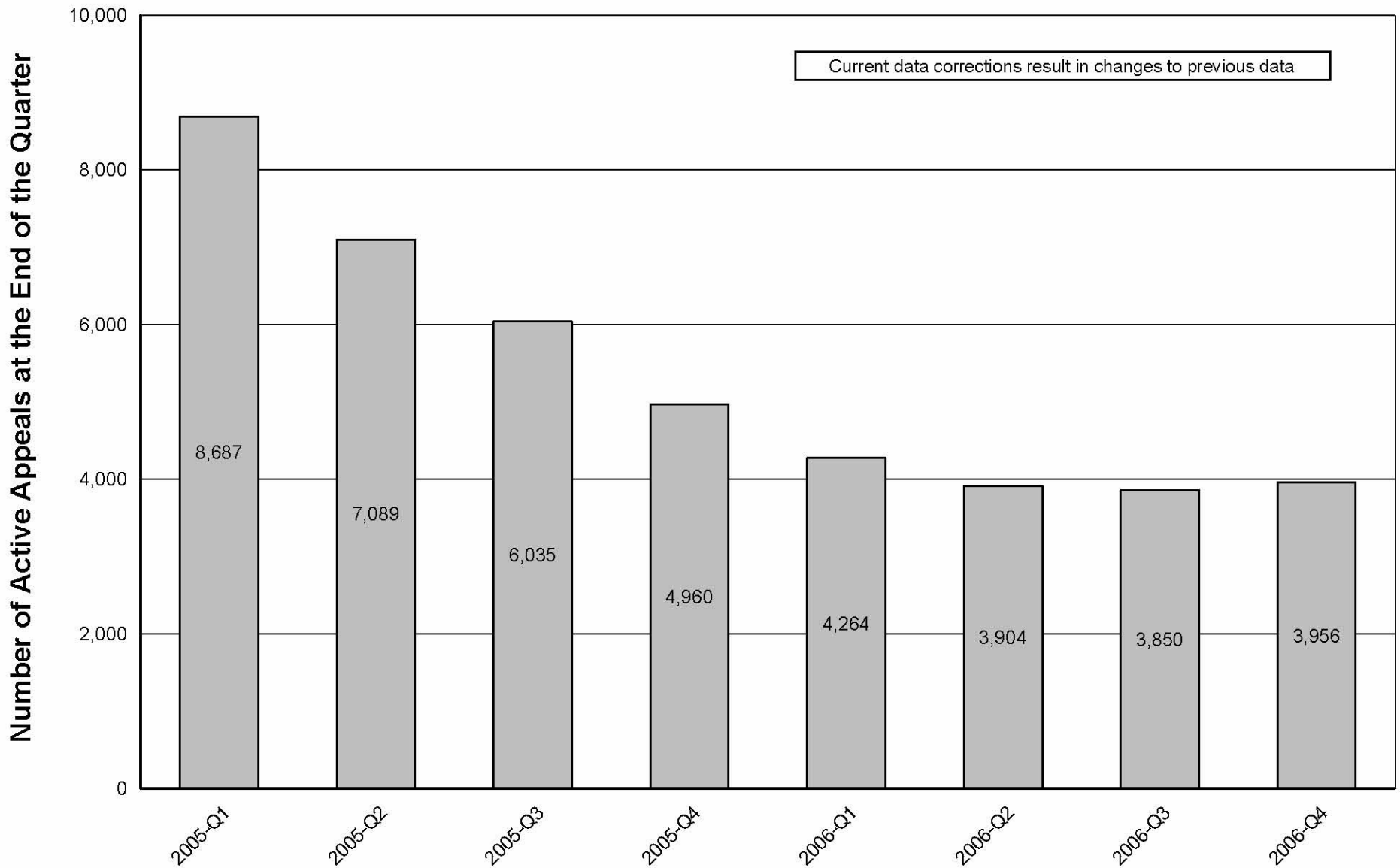
Our intake of new appeals from the Review Division appears to be stabilizing at approximately 5,800 per year. The vast majority of new appeals continue to be related to compensation matters.

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

Jill Callan
Chair

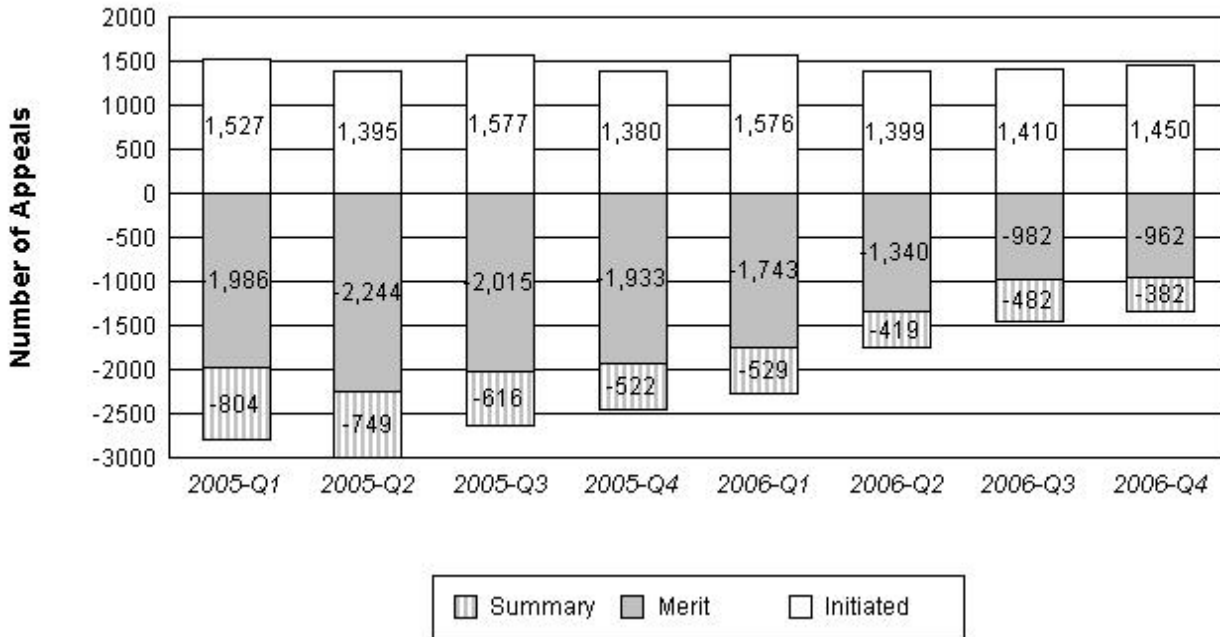
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Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal Number of Active Appeals In Inventory



A. SUMMARY STATISTICS - ALL APPEALS

INTAKE and OUTPUT



1. OUTCOMES of MERIT DECISIONS:

Outcome	2006-Q4	YTD
Confirm	60.6%	63.3%
Vary	39.4%	36.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

2. OUTCOMES of ISSUES:

Outcome	2006-Q4	YTD
Denied	65.0%	66.7%
Allowed	27.8%	24.5%
Allowed in Part	7.2%	8.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

3. REASONS for ISSUE OUTCOMES:

Outcome	2006-Q4	YTD
Denied	65.0%	66.7%
Error in Law	0.8%	0.9%
Error in Policy	1.1%	1.1%
Reweigh Existing Evidence	7.2%	8.3%
Reweigh with New Evidence	25.9%	23.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%