



**WCAT**

**Workers' Compensation  
Appeal Tribunal**

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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEAL TRIBUNAL (WCAT)  
QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED June 30, 2009**

WCAT's mandate is to decide appeals brought by workers and employers from decisions of the Workers' Compensation Board, operating as WorkSafeBC (the Board). WCAT decides compensation, assessment, and prevention appeals from decisions of the Review Division of the Board. We also decide 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, 2009, our total active inventory was 2,904 appeals. The vast majority of appeals are compensation appeals.

During the second quarter of 2009, we made decisions on the merits of 861 appeals and made summary decisions on a further 254 appeals that were rejected, dismissed, withdrawn, or suspended. An appeal may raise numerous issues and WCAT may allow, allow in part, or deny the appeal on each issue. During the quarter, we decided 1,174 issues.

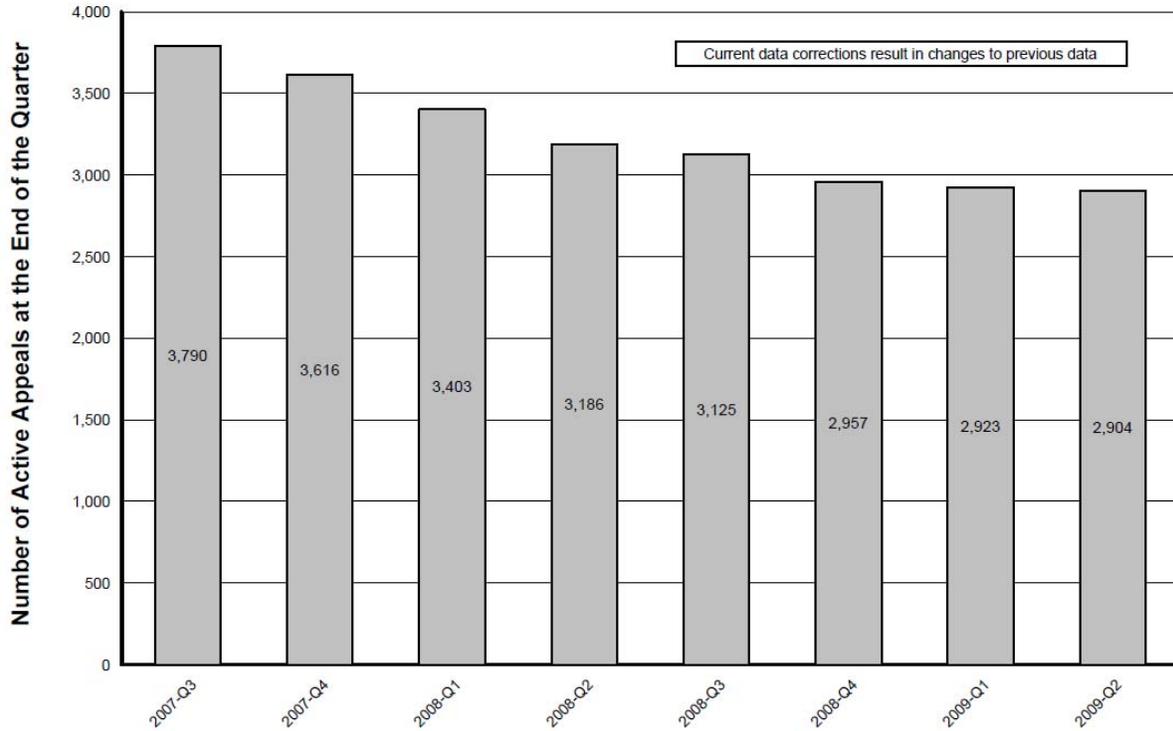
When WCAT makes a decision on the merits of an appeal, the decision under appeal may be varied, confirmed, or cancelled by WCAT. "Vary" means that WCAT varied the previous decision in whole or in part. Accordingly, whether WCAT has fully granted the remedies requested by the appellant on all issues arising under the appeal or merely changed a minor aspect of the previous decision, the decision is considered to have been "varied". "Confirm" means that WCAT agreed with all aspects of the previous decision. "Cancel" means that WCAT set aside the previous decision without a new or changed decision being provided in its place.

During the quarter, WCAT confirmed 56% of the decisions under appeal and varied 44%. WCAT did not cancel any decisions. In deciding the issues rising out of those appeals, WCAT allowed the appeals on 31% of the issues, allowed them in part on 8%, and denied them on 61%.

Attached are graphs and tables that contain further statistical information.

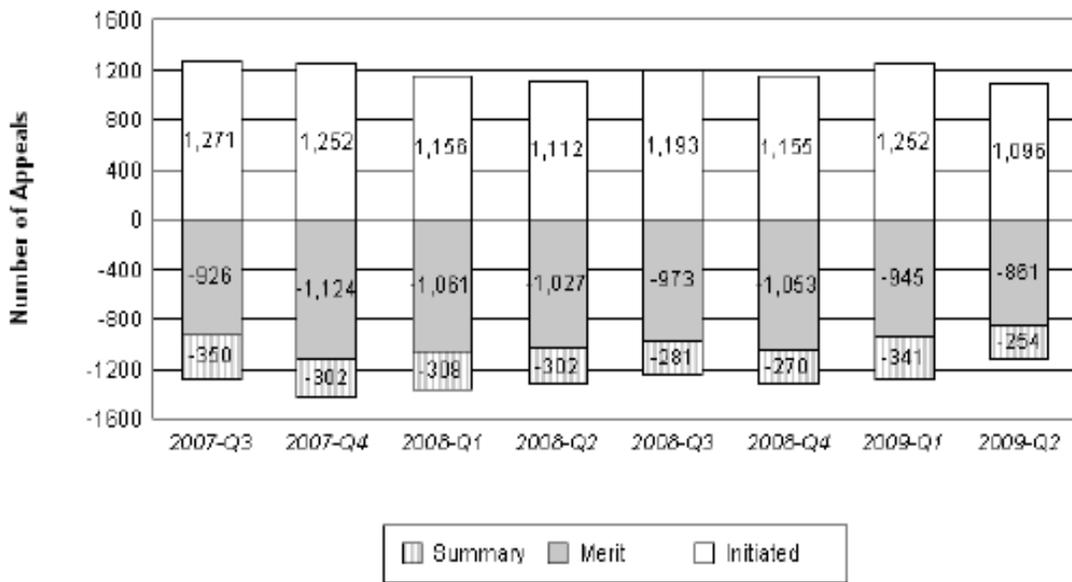
Jill Callan, Chair

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



**A. SUMMARY STATISTICS - ALL APPEALS**

**INTAKE and OUTPUT**



**1. OUTCOMES of MERIT DECISIONS:**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>2009-Q2</b>	<b>Last 12 Months</b>
Confirm	56.0%	58.7%
Vary	44.0%	41.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

**2. OUTCOMES of ISSUES:**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>2009-Q2</b>	<b>Last 12 Months</b>
Denied	61.4%	63.4%
Allowed	30.9%	28.7%
Allowed in Part	7.7%	7.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

**3. REASONS for ISSUE OUTCOMES:**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>2009-Q2</b>	<b>Last 12 Months</b>
Denied	61.4%	63.4%
Error in Law	0.6%	1.0%
Error in Policy	1.0%	0.9%
Reweigh Existing Evidence	7.5%	6.2%
Reweigh with New Evidence	29.5%	28.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%