Asbestos related claims 2010-11 to 2014-15

176 Australians compensated

$85 million total payments

Asbestos disorders claimed

37% Mesothelioma
32% Asbestosis
9% Exposure to substance without injury or disease apparent

Industries

24% Construction
20% Manufacturing
9% Public administration and safety

Occupations most at risk

44% Technicians and trades workers (formal qualification)
26% Labourers
10% Machinery operators and drivers

Source: Safe Work Australia’s National Data Set for Compensation-based Statistics
Note: Broadly disease claims, including asbestos-related diseases, are under-represented because many diseases result from long-term exposure to agents or have long latency periods, which makes the link between the work-related disease and the workplace difficult to establish. In addition many mesothelioma cases are compensated through mechanisms other than workers’ compensation.