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**HONOURABLE RO KINIVILIAME KILIRAKI TO ASK THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, PRODUCTIVITY AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS –
CAN THE MINISTER INFORM THE HOUSE ON THE NUMBER OF OHS ACCIDENTS REPORTED TO THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SECTION OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR THE YEAR 2017 AND THE STATUS OF THESE REPORTED CASES?**

1. In 2017 the Ministry received 258 injury cases that were reported through the *Workplace Injury and Disease Notification Form* (OHS Form 1).
2. From these cases, 226 cases were male workers and 32 were female workers.
3. The 258 cases reported for 2017 were mainly for cuts, lacerations, bruises, sprains and strains. Investigations were conducted and statistics were also collected from the reports to determine the areas to be investigated to establish the level of compliance by employers.
4. The other purpose of collecting and analysing these OHS Form 1 Reports is to ensure that high risk areas or workplaces are identified and corrective or preventative actions such as training and awareness sessions are targeted towards these areas.

5. Our statistics revealed that the highest number of injuries for 2017 were from the Agriculture and Forestry with 26% followed by Wholesale and Retail with 18%, Manufacturing 11%, Public Administration and Education with 12%, Electricity and Water Supply with 9%, Construction 7%, Hotels and Restaurants 4%, Transport 4% with Mining, Fishing, Finance, Real Estate making up the rest.
6. The Ministry also received reports on workplace fatalities where 7 cases were reported in 2017. From these cases, 3 were from motor vehicle accidents which are handled by the Police and Land Transport Authority, 1 case on mining and quarrying handled by the Mineral Resources Department, 1 case on manufacturing, 1 case on sea transport and 1 case on the fishing industry. These 3 latter cases are handled by the Ministry.
7. Occupational Health and Safety investigations was conducted and completed on 2 of the 3 cases handled by the Ministry and the dependents of these two workers have been compensated while investigations into the third case is currently in its final stages.