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Weekly incident summary

5 October 2016

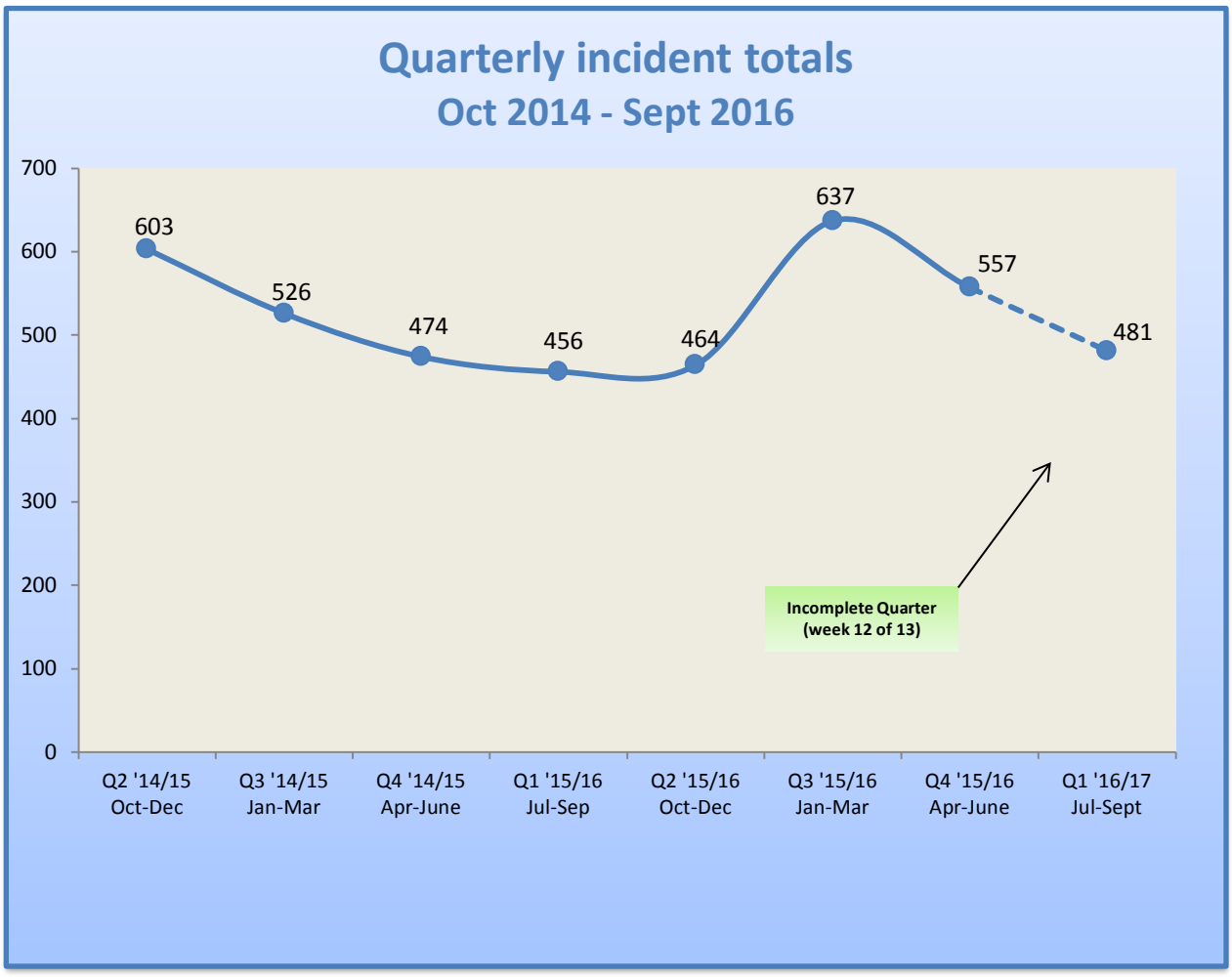
Note: While the majority of incidents are reported and recorded within a week of the event, some are notified outside this time period. The incidents in this report therefore have not necessarily occurred in a one week period. All newly recorded incidents, whatever the incident date, are reviewed by the Chief Inspector and senior staff each week. For more comprehensive statistical data refer to our Annual Performance Measures Reports.

To report an incident call 1300 814 609 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Reportable incidents total: 37 Summarised Incidents: 4

Summarised incidents – incidents of note for which operators should consider the comments provided and determine if action needs to be taken.

Incident type	Summary	Comment to industry
Serious Injury SInNot 2016/00470	A contractor worker has been struck by a hose knocking him to the ground resulting in a suspected broken arm. The worker was operating a sucker truck. The pressure hose from the truck is used to clear blocked pipes. It appears that the pressure hose has recoiled in some manner, rising up and striking the worker, knocking him over.	When using such equipment, a SWMS should be prepared which considers how the suction hose is extended to the work site. Loops and kinks in the hose should be avoided and consideration given to securing the hose end in use.
Dangerous Incident SInNot 2016/00448	Excavator bucket has struck the blade and lift cylinder of a passing dozer. No injuries. Passing dozer and excavator had made positive communications.	Mine Operators should stress the importance of positive communications with machines in proximity. The circumstances and protocols of machine entry into the swing radius of a bucket excavator should be clear and well understood.
Dangerous Incident SInNot 2016/00480	A top belt slinger roller near the belt transfer has collapsed and hot material has dropped into the fines tray below and ignited the fines. A deputy smelt smoke and he and a fitter found the burning embers in the tray.	Mine Operators should consider temperature monitoring of critical high speed rollers. Chutes designed to collect and transfer fines should be fitted with positive clearance systems.
Dangerous Incident SInNot 2016/00451	A light vehicle travelling down an incline has contacted the wall and another vehicle before coming to a stop. No injuries.	Operators must identify the hazards associated with driving underground and implement effective controls – including use of low range gears and appropriate vehicle speeds especially in areas with limited line of sight visibility, and ensuring effective radio protocol is used. Mine operators should continue to investigate technologies that may assist in collision avoidance.



Recent incident publications

Type	Identifiers	Title	Date Published
Safety Bulletin	SB 16-02	Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Laws	4 Oct 2016
Information Release	IIR 16-05	Austar coal burst	30 Sept 2016

You can find all our incident related publications (i.e. safety alerts, safety bulletins, incident information releases, weekly incident summaries and investigation reports) on our website.

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