

OPEN DATA

Consultation Report

October-December 2016 Dataset Voting Results

BACKGROUND

The WSIB's Open Data program fulfills a requirement of the Province of Ontario's Open Data Directive and is intended to enhance the way citizens obtain, view and understand our data. The Open Data Directive came into effect on April 1, 2016 as part of Ontario's Open Government Initiative.

By increasing public access to data managed by the WSIB, the Open Data program provides more transparency, lets citizens and community-based organizations reuse our data, and supports innovation.

On July 29, 2016, the WSIB published its Dataset Inventory, a list of datasets created and managed by the WSIB and made available under the Open Data Directive.

On October 20, 2016, the WSIB opened a consultation to make it easy for anyone interested in WSIB data to tell us which data sets listed in our Dataset Inventory should be released first. The consultation closed on December 30, 2016.

To guide the planning of the Open Data consultation, the WSIB followed the seven stakeholder engagement principles set out by the Ministry of Labour:

- 1. Authentic engagement:** Offer genuine opportunities to influence outcomes and be ready to act on stakeholder advice.
- 2. Fit for purpose:** Choose the method that is best suited for delivering the engagement's objective and proportionate in scale to the significance of the proposal.
- 3. Inclusivity and balance:** Encourage involvement from the full range and diversity of stakeholders affected, remove barriers for those groups that are hardest to reach, and aim for fair and balanced participation.
- 4. Make engagement easy:** Be sensitive to the limited time and resources of our stakeholders. Allow multiple methods of input, and lessen the resource-intensive nature of participation.
- 5. Involve early and often:** Wherever possible, adopt processes that enable early and iterative stakeholder participation.
- 6. Clarity upfront and transparency throughout:** Be clear on the purpose, scope and constraints for each engagement, and maintain open and honest communication throughout the process.
- 7. Accountability and integrity:** Be responsive to stakeholder advice, follow through on commitments and close the feedback loop.

Promotion

Chair's Advisory Committees

During the consultation period, the Open Data Consultation was promoted at meetings in November and December of all four of the Chair's Advisory Committees (Labour & Injured Workers Advisory Committee, Industrial & Manufacturing Advisory Committee, General Business Advisory Committee and Construction Industry Advisory Committee).

Stakeholder Engagement

We informed stakeholders about the consultation through our newsletter, WSIB@WORK. We also engaged several organizations and institutions we believed would be interested in participating in the consultation. These included Mega Health at Work, MaRSDD, Socrata, Startup Canada, and ODI Toronto.

Social Media

To help promote Open Data, the WSIB tweeted about the voting opportunity from October 2016 to December 2016. A total of 12 tweets were tweeted from both the corporate account (@wsib) and from the President's account (@wsibPresident).

These 12 tweets resulted in 10,821 impressions and 160 engagements, which included 64 link clicks, 22 retweets, and 20 likes.

Results

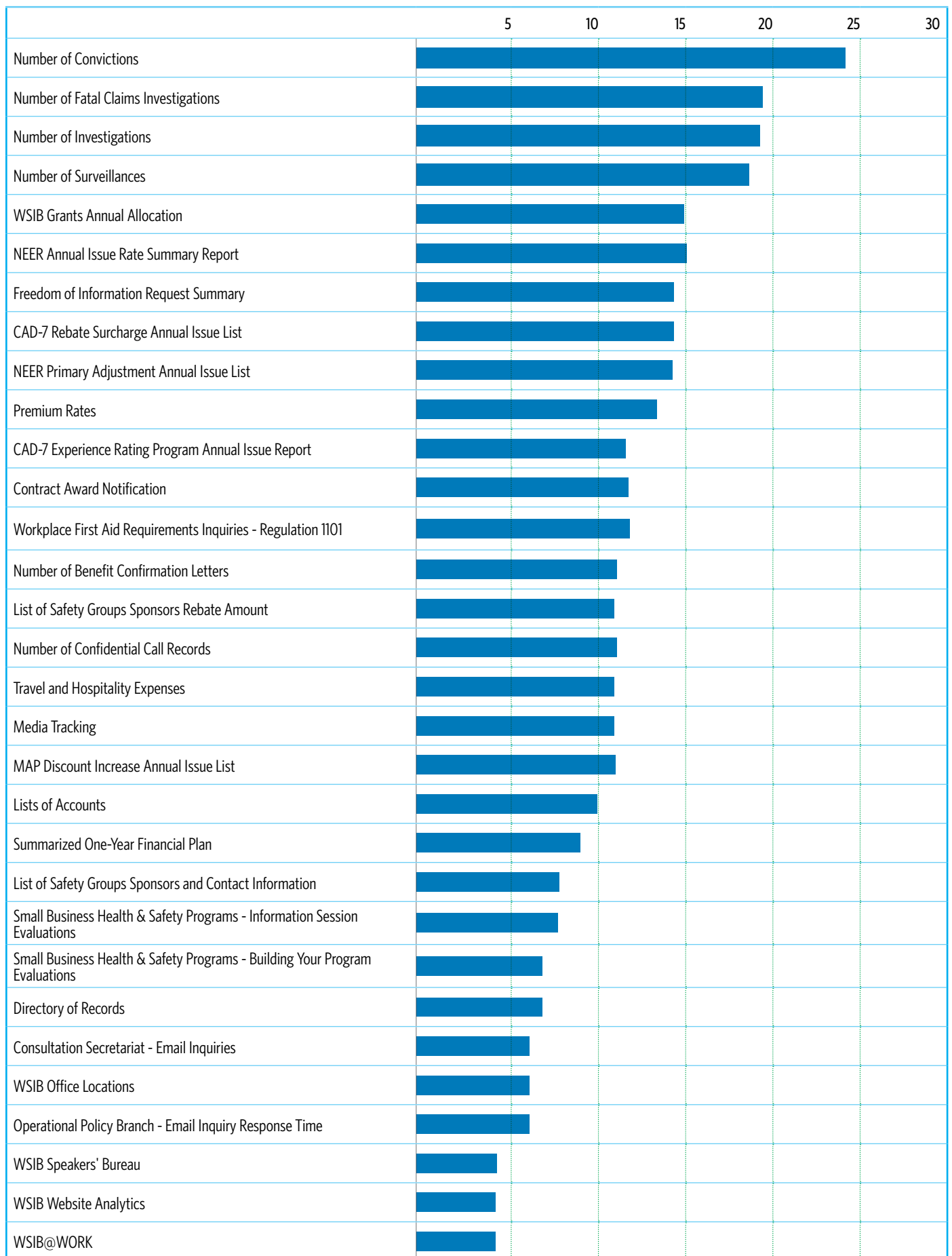
The WSIB received electronic votes and one written response from a total of 49 stakeholders.

Stakeholders were able to select as many of the available data sets as they wanted to see prioritized for publishing. The average number of datasets selected was seven, and the most datasets selected by one stakeholder was 31.

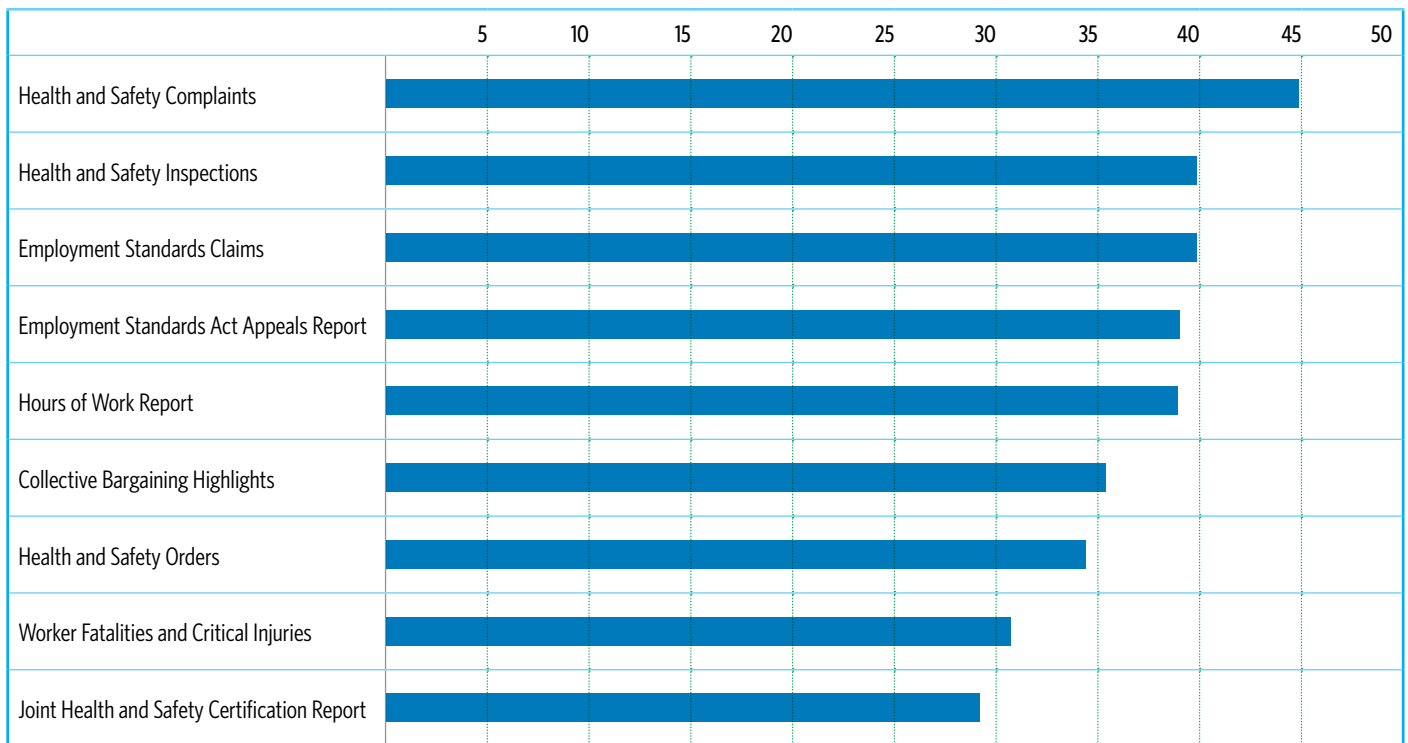
"Number of Convictions" had the most votes (24), meaning 50 per cent of all voters included this in their choices.

Twenty-five per cent of the available datasets had 10 or fewer votes.

WSIB Stakeholder Dataset Voting Results



Ministry of Labour Dataset Vote Results



All of the Ontario government's Open Data consultation results can be found [here](#).

