chairman, Dr. Rhodes. Discussion led by E.R.A. Merewether.

In 1948 I made a note of the deaths from asbestosis, asbestosis with tuberculosis and either of these with also cancer of the lung, recorded in the United Kingdom from 1924 to 1947.

I have now brought these figures up to date.

Our latest figures are recorded deaths from asbestosis, asbestosis with tuberculosis, or either complicated with cancer of the lung, with cancer, are 306.

I am excluding 10 of these where there is also cancer of sites other than the lungs.

Our net figures are, therefore, 296 deaths and of these 48 or 16.2 percent were associated with cancer of the lung.

This shows an increase from a 13.2 percent disclosed by our earlier figures. This means that, as more deaths from asbestosis come to hand, the cumulative percentage of deaths with complicating