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The Hon. Adele Farina MLC,

Re: Inquiry into WorkSafe Western Australia

Thank you for your letter received via email 11 April 2018 requesting information on how the Northern Territory WorkSafe (NT WorkSafe) is funded.

NT WorkSafe receives around one-sixth of its funding from a levy on insurers and self-insurers under the Workers Compensation Scheme. The remaining funding is provided through government appropriation.

The amount levied is based on covering some of the costs of NT WorkSafe's Rehabilitation and Compensation Unit as well as other Units that assist in the administration and provision of advice for workers and businesses.

The calculation of individual levies is made using the share of the Scheme each insurer has each year and the employee numbers of the self-insurers.

There is no separate WorkCover in the Northern Territory. NT WorkSafe's Rehabilitation and Compensation Unit administers the Workers Compensation Scheme.

As the Work Health Authority I am appointed under the *Work Health Administration Act* as the Regulator under the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act* and the Authority under the *Return to Work Act*.

In terms of our scope, NT WorkSafe is a division under the Department of Attorney-General and Justice responsible for assisting businesses and workers understand their obligations under the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act*, *Dangerous Goods Act*, *Electrical Reform Act* and the *Return to Work Act* in the Northern Territory.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Gelding
Work Health Authority
17 April 2018