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The Hon Adele Farina MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Public Administration
By email: lcpac@parliament.wa.gov.au

Dear Ms Farina

Thank you for your correspondence about the inquiry into WorkSafe Western Australia (WorkSafe) and your request for information on how SafeWork NSW collects and utilises statistics.

SafeWork NSW would like to provide the following response:

- Statistical trends on fatalities and serious injury and illness claims are compiled by the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) on behalf of SafeWork NSW and reported annually in Safe Work Australia's Comparative Performance Monitoring Report as well as the Department of Finance, Service and Innovation Annual Report.
- For Lost Time Injuries or Diseases (LTD/Is), serious injury and illness claims include all accepted claims with one week or more time lost from work due to injury/disease excluding fatalities and journey claims.
- In relation to workplace injuries, under section 44 (2) of the *Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998*, an employer of an injured worker must notify the insurer or the Nominal Insurer within 48 hours after becoming aware that a worker has received a workplace injury in the manner prescribed by the regulations.
- Employers also have an obligation to ensure workers who return to work following a workplace injury are given suitable employment in line with their certified capacity to work from their treating doctor. SafeWork NSW encourages employers to facilitate an early return to work for a worker who has sustained a workplace injury so long as the work provided by the employer is suitable for the worker as per section 32a *Workers Compensation Act 1987*.
- SafeWork NSW undertakes priority investigations and other compliance activities in line with the Safe Work Australia *National Compliance and Enforcement Policy*. The *Work Health and Safety Roadmap for NSW 2022* launched in August 2016 also ensures a priority focus on high risk harms both for investigations and other initiatives.

If you require further information, please contact
by phone on

Yours sincerely

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