

Hon Adele Farina MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Public Administration  
Legislative Council, Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000  
18 December 2017

Enquiries: Stephanie Mayman

Dear Ms Farina

**INQUIRY INTO WORKSAFE: SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS**

I refer to your letter of 6 December 2017, conveying supplementary questions from the Standing Committee on Public Administration regarding my testimony of 11 October 2017. Thank you, for providing me with additional time for me to respond to your questions in view of my recent surgery.

For your consideration, please find attached answers to the supplementary questions of the Committee.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on or by email:

Yours sincerely

Stephanie Mayman  
Chairperson  
**COMMISSION FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WA**

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO THE CHAIR, COMMISSION FOR  
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION –  
INQUIRY INTO WORKSAFE  
LETTER DATED 6 DECEMBER 2017 PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY  
QUESTIONS**

**1. Given that concerns relating to the length of WorkSafe investigations have been raised with you, have you taken these concerns back to the Commission? If not, why not?**

The concerns noted were relayed to me informally during a private conversation in relation to the duration of a single WorkSafe investigation. The conversation was not held in the context of my role as Chairperson of the Commission and the concerns were based on hearsay. The person involved was not a member of the Commission or its stakeholder group and did not provide me with specific details or request action on my part. Consequently, these concerns were not relayed to the Commission.

**2. If you have raised concerns relating to the length of WorkSafe investigations with the Commission, what actions has the Commission taken in response to those concerns?**

Not applicable.

**3. If you have raised concerns relating to the length of WorkSafe investigations with the Commission and the Commission has taken no action, has the Commission failed in its duty of care and its functions in not responding to those concerns?**

Not applicable.

**4. Has the Commission raised these concerns relating to the length of WorkSafe investigations with the Minister?**

Not applicable.

**5. What dates have you served on the Commission and in what position?**

- 29 April 1985 to 7 December 1988: Member representing the Trades and Labour Council (TLC).
- 7 November 1990 to 3 April 1994: Member representing the TLC.
- 3 October 2001 to 1 December 2004: Member representing UnionsWA.
- 7 June 2017 to present: Chairperson.

Not listed are occasional attendances as proxy for the appointed member representing the TLC or UnionsWA.

**6. What role does the Commission Chair have in setting Commission meeting agendas?**

The agenda for Commission meetings is prepared by the Executive Officer in consultation with the Chairperson. All members of the Commission are able to request the inclusion of items on the agenda, including the Chairperson, consistent with its statutory functions. The Chairperson may also request the inclusion of specific correspondence in the agenda.