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**To The FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

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Inquiry into the operation of Queensland worker's compensation scheme.

I believe Queensland should go to the Victorian system. There would be a lot of time saving even for the employer as there is already a lot of double handling already done by the employer. When a worker is injured in the workplace an incident form is fill out for the injury and is filed in the workers file with any doctors reports and doctors certificates for time off work, any rehabilitation that was done or light duties preformed. The only thing extra the employer has to do is create an electronic register of the incidents in the workplace. If a dispute or review of the injury is required the workers file will contain all the relevant material. The thing not to do is to over burden employers with too many conditions they must meet to keep records, a hard file would sufficiently serve for minor injuries. Any injuries that are disputed by the employer or employee and injuries that there is a strong indication that the costs will exceed the excess or the worker will need more than 10 days to recover will be immediately passed on to the insurer with a copy of any relevant material to the case.

10 working days is a good amount of time for workers to recover from minor injuries; examples: minor cuts or abrasions, a rolled ankle, strain or twisted knee, bruising, metal in their eye, squashed finger or minor burns. These are most of the common injuries that occur in the workplace.

The benefit to the Business would be the cost saving on premlums for Workers Comp, but will be made up by the excess paid to injured workers. This will also encourage employers to be more proactive with safety in the workplace to minimise injuries.

Safety Advisor

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