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Finance and Administration Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Ms Farmer

Re: Inquiry into Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

Please find below the responses to the additional information that you have requested.

- Additional detail regarding the incidents included in the table submitted:

Notifiable incidents from 1 June 2014 – 31 May 2015		
	No. of incidents	Details
Notifiable incidents under current requirements	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 incident involving an amputated finger• 1 incident involving a back injury• 1 incident with substance splashed in eye• 1 electrical incident with no injuries
Notifiable incidents under proposed requirements	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 incidents which are currently notifiable (detailed above)• 14 incidents involving sprains or strains• 3 incidents involving contusion/crushing injuries• 2 incidents involving back injuries• 1 incident involving a fractured foot• 1 incident involving a psychological injury• 6 incidents involving other unspecified injuries

- Additional processes required for the additional information to be provided to the department. Currently any information associated with a serious injury, defined in Council as that greater than 4 days off, is manually reported either from the work area or retrospectively through the incident reporting system. To meet the requirements of "immediate notification" for injuries resulting in more than 4 days off work this will need to be rolled out to all supervisors and modifications made to create a flag within the system. The manual sourcing of data through the incident system will require one full time resource to support this process. The impost on supervisors to have an additional reporting requirement will also impact on business delivery

and detract from their key role of supporting workers, including monitoring their health and safety.

- Does Council currently collate this information and how council calculated the figures in the submission. These figures were manually calculated as Council does not currently record or report on this type of information.

Yours faithfully



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For the Chief Executive Officer

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