

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Member for Namatjira

To: Hon Paul Kirby MLA

Portfolio: Minister for Corporate and Digital Development

Agency: Department of Corporate and Digital Development

Subject: FigTree system

QUESTION:

Can you please provide detail on why the FigTree system cannot provide reports on specific injuries or illnesses within agencies or workplaces so that those agencies or workplaces can better improve their work health and safety outcomes?

ANSWER:

FigTree is a Work Health and Safety reporting system used by NT Government staff to record details of workplace safety incidents and management's consideration of such incidents. The system captures incidents and hazards and the treatment applied to identified hazards according to classifications configured in the system. FigTree provides statistical reporting that would assist agencies to consider workplace health and safety matters and identify ways to improve outcomes.

If a worker is injured and is subsequently absent from duty as a result of their injury, their absence is captured in the NT Government's HR information system, PIPS.

If an injury is then deemed to be compensable, absence from duty is captured in the system used by the NT Government's commercial workers compensation insurer. Should the compensation claim be denied, the absence remains recorded in PIPS as personal leave.