

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs. Finocchiaro to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services:

Workplace health and safety

1. What has been the cost of the stress related claims received by the agency during 2017/18?
2. What roles are these people undertaking?
3. How much time was lost due to those claims that were accepted?
4. How many employees remain on leave due to stress?
5. How many claims of bullying were lodged by employees of the agency during 2017/18?
6. What action has been taken as a result of these claims?
7. How many claims are outstanding?

ANSWERS:

1. The total expenditure for 2017 / 2018 that relates to claims for exposure to mental stress - \$7,576,105.
2. Members with claims for exposure to mental stress who have been certified with medical restrictions are undertaking suitable policing duties. These duties generally do not include general duties.
3. Gallagher Bassett are unable to provide data as it relates to time lost.
4. As of 30 June 2018, there were 12 Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services employees covered under workers' compensation that were unfit as a result of a psychological condition.
5. During the 2017 / 2018 financial year, five (5) employees lodged a complaint to the Human Resource Management Branch for bullying related behaviour.
6. The complaints were investigated and appropriate action was taken based on the findings of the investigations.
7. Two (2) complaints remain outstanding and are currently being investigated.