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ITEM

Work Health and Safety (WH&S) and Public Risk Management Update

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board note the information provided on Public Risk and WH&S matters.

BACKGROUND

The Board has requested information on Public Risk and WH&S matters be presented on a quarterly basis.

CURRENT POSITION

Workplace Health and Safety

At 6 November 2018 three new claims have been lodged for the 2018-19 financial year. These three claims are new claims since the last reporting period.

2018/19				
No	Date of Injury	Type of Injury	Cause of Injury	Hours lost
1	7/09/2018	Carpal tunnel syndrome	Occurred during normal course of business	Medical expenses only
2	12/07/2017	Foreign body in tip of finger	Picking up glass	Medical expenses only
3	13/07/2017	Mild tear in ligament of knee	Minor slip on rough terrain on a slope	0

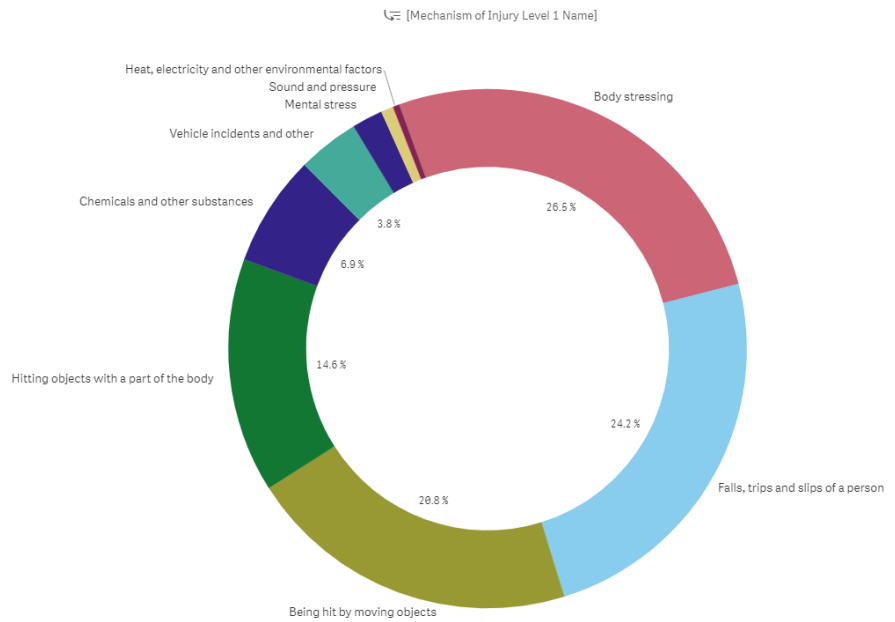
Workers compensation statistics for the last five years:

4. Claims Table Summary

(Reportable and non-Reportable Claims)

Last 5 FY Occurred	Number of Claims #	Avg \$ Cost	Net Incurred Cost \$	Total Amount Paid \$	Latest Estimate \$	Amount Recovered \$
Totals	260	\$8,776.00	\$2,281,760.56	\$1,759,380.28	\$522,380.28	\$0.00
Before	208	\$8,629.18	\$1,794,869.34	\$1,461,546.95	\$333,322.39	\$0.00
FY 14-15	8	\$969.57	\$7,756.58	\$7,756.58	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY 15-16	9	\$4,356.44	\$39,208.00	\$39,208.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY 16-17	18	\$14,409.36	\$259,368.46	\$195,352.40	\$64,016.06	\$0.00
FY 17-18	15	\$11,170.55	\$167,558.18	\$55,388.40	\$112,169.78	\$0.00
FY 18-19	2	\$6,500.00	\$13,000.00	\$127.95	\$12,872.05	\$0.00

3. Mechanism of Injury
(Reportable and non-Reportable Claims)



*Pre 2011/2012 data is not as reliable as they were either not a requirement or not populated back then. Hence some data shows as Not Found and Unknown. *The default presentation of this chart is all historical claims unless filtered by time selection*

Actions taken to address the incidence of injury include Workplace WH&S matters being discussed and addressed at monthly staff meetings, including reviews of Job Safety Analysis and Hazard Identification.

Public Risk Management

In October six Board staff undertook Return to Work Coordinator Training. This two day SIRA accredited course provides Return to Work Coordinators with knowledge about the workers compensation system to enable them to develop and facilitate the return to work process.

In October and November Infrastructure and Engineering staff will be undertaking the annual review of field safety checklists.

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