

Return to Written Question

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AND COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission Rates

Mr. Speaker, I have a Return to Written Question asked by Mr. Testart on February 26, 2019 regarding the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission Rates.

- 1) The classes and subclasses of the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission rates which could be applied to the Government of the Northwest Territories, based on the type of work performed by the Government of the Northwest Territories departments similar to that performed by private industry;

The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission presently classifies employers into 17 different subclasses.

- Subclass 10 / Renewable Resources and Outdoor Recreation
- Subclass 22 / Mining Operation
- Subclass 27 / Mining Services
- Subclass 37 / Oil & Gas Servicing, Development, Refining and Pipeline Operations
- Subclass 41 / General Construction
- Subclass 43 / Mobile Equipment Operations, Logging and Marine Construction
- Subclass 46 / Mechanical Installation & Servicing
- Subclass 51 / Air Transportation
- Subclass 53 / Ground Transportation
- Subclass 54 / Trucking, General and Long Distance and Water Transportation
- Subclass 62 / Retail, Wholesale and Light Manufacturing
- Subclass 66 / Automotive Sales and Services and Metal Fabrication

- Subclass 71 / Business, Communication and Amusement Services
- Subclass 74 / Health, Welfare and Emergency Services
- Subclass 76 / Accommodation, Catering, Food & Beverage Services
- Subclass 81 / Government of the NWT and Nunavut & Public Utilities
- Subclass 82 / Authorities and D.E.W. Line

The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission does not have the required information to ascertain into which of the existing subclasses employees of the Government of the Northwest Territories may best align. Such an exercise would have to be undertaken in consultation with the Government of the Northwest Territories as the existing employer of record.

- 2) The total amount of fees in dollar amount paid to the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission by the Government of the Northwest Territories in fiscal year 2017-18;

The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission fiscal year is the calendar year. For 2018 the Government of the Northwest Territories paid \$4,565,629 in total assessment fees.

- 3) The four-year average of fees in dollar amount paid to the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission by the Government of the Northwest Territories;

The four year average of assessment fees paid to the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission by the Government of the Northwest Territories for the period 2015-2018 is \$4,393,537.

- 4) The dollar amount of the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission compensation paid out to the Government of the Northwest Territories employees in fiscal year 2017-2018; and

Costs associated with workplace injuries include the following:

- Direct costs for compensation and pension payments;
- Costs for medical treatment and ongoing care;
- Costs for vocational rehabilitation;
- Travel associated with provision of care and rehabilitation; and
- The administrative costs of case management.

The above costs can and are paid out over the lifetime of a claim, which can vary in length from very short-term to decades. Actuarial estimates are used with models consistently updated to best capture the costs for an individual calendar year. Those costs are captured and reflected on the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission's financial statements. The liability associated with all claims as at the end of 2017 was \$362 million.

Specific to the Government of the Northwest Territories amounts paid out for all claims years to the Government of the Northwest Territories employees totaled \$4,768,567.

- 5) The four year average in dollar amount of the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission compensation paid out to the Government of the Northwest Territories employees?

The four year average of amounts paid for all claim years to the Government of the Northwest Territories employees for the period 2015-2018 is \$3,735,777.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.