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Dear Mr Bradley

Brian

Thank you for your letter dated 28 April 2008 in regards to the requirement of agencies to comply with the Code of Practice on Occupational Safety and Health and Injury Management in the Western Australian Public Sector and to report on occupational safety and health and injury management activities and achievements in their annual report.

The Department of Education and Training has already implemented a number of initiatives to ensure that Department managers are aware of and have knowledge of the code of practice. All directors, principals and managers were informed of the code of practice requirements in November 2007 and were encouraged to attend the Department's two day training course on managing occupational safety and health.

The Manager of Employee Support Bureau is also in the process of meeting with all Directors Schools to inform them about the code of practice and their responsibilities as stated in the Department's policies on occupational safety and health and workers' compensation and injury management.

I am committed to improving the safety and health of our employees and resources have been provided to conduct research into the causes and factors contributing to high cost claims and barriers that inhibit early return to work of injured employees. This initiative will assist the Department in developing strategies to reduce the risk of injury and illness in our workplace.

There is a comprehensive workers' compensation and injury management system in place and has a close working relationship with RiskCover to ensure effective management of all claims.

The Department has always reported on occupational safety and health in the annual report and will include the enhanced reporting requirements in accordance with the Premier's Circular.

Thank you for bringing this information to my attention.

Yours sincerely

SHARYN O'NEILL
DIRECTOR GENERAL

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