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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety

Reference: Workplace health and safety

Hearing Date: 2 August 2024

In relation to: WHS Council members and remuneration

QON lodgement Date: 2 August 2024

Answer Due date: 8 August 2024

Can you please provide a list of the current WHS Council members which shows what capacity each member is serving in (substantive or acting), whether they are representing the interests of employers or employees, and what remuneration each person receives (if any)?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

ACT Work Health and Safety Council membership as at 7 August 2024:

Member appointed	Type of appointment (substantive / acting)	Interests represented
Michael Hiscox (<i>Chair- elected by representative members</i>)	Substantive	Employee representative
Thomas Cullen	Substantive	Employee representative
Kasey Tomkins	Substantive	Employee representative
Lyndal Ryan	Substantive	Employee representative
Madeline Northam	Substantive	Employee representative
Greg Harford (<i>Deputy Chair- elected by representative members</i>)	Substantive	Employer representative
Ashlee Berry	Substantive	Employer representative
Frances Crimmins	Substantive	Employer representative
Anna Whitty	Substantive	Employer representative
Warwick Bennett	Substantive	Employer representative
Patrick Judge	Acting	Employee representative
Brenton Higgins	Acting	Employee representative
Zachary Smith	Acting	Employee representative
Emily Shoemark	Acting	Employer representative
Susie Walford	Acting	Employer representative

There is a vacancy for one acting employer representative member for which an appointment process is underway at the time of responding to this question.

Two ex-officio member roles (non-appointed) of the ACT Work Health and Safety Council are held by the:

- Public Sector Workers Compensation Commissioner – position currently occupied by Michael Young, Executive Group Manager, Work Safety Group, Office of Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety; and
- Work Health and Safety Commissioner – position currently occupied by Jacqueline Agius.

For the ACT Work Health and Safety Council, only the Chair's position is remunerated and it is set out in the relevant determination from the ACT Remuneration Tribunal. The determination is *Determination 18 of 2023 - Part Time Public Office Holders* and the remuneration is set at \$21,860 per annum. This determination can be accessed here: [Determination 18 of 2023 Part-time Statutory Office Holders \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/act/remuneration-tribunal/determinations/determination-18-of-2023-part-time-public-office-holders).

The Chair is elected by members of the Council under schedule 2, section 2.5 of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and alternates every two years between employer and employee representatives.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:



Date: 8/8/2024

By the Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety, Mick Gentleman MLA