

The Hon Sophie Cotsis MP
Minister for Industrial Relations
Minister for Work Health and Safety



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Mr Leighton Drury
State Secretary
Fire Brigade Employees Union

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Re: Discussion regarding presumptive cancer

Dear Mr Drury

First, I want to thank yourself and FBEU President Mick Johnsen again for meeting with my office to outline and clearly advocate on behalf of NSW professional firefighters, the need to expand our current presumptive cancer legislation. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to your members Matt Carrol and Bob McGowan who attended that day and so bravely shared their personal stories on the impact cancer has had on their lives and the difference having appropriate compensation systems in place could have meant for firefighters such as them.

I wish to assure you that your message on this issue has been heard and as IR Minister I am working to ensure that NSW professional firefighters who are sick or injured in the line of duty have fair and reasonable access to workers compensation.

To that end I committed to providing you with an update regarding this matter as it progresses.

I can advise that consideration of the expansion of presumptive legislation to encompass additional cancers and illnesses is progressing with all expedience.

We hope to continue to progress the matter working in collaboration with you and your members.

If you require any further information as we progress, please contact my office directly.

Do not hesitate to raise any further queries you may have as they arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sophie Cotsis".

Sophie Cotsis MP

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