

**Minutes For: Northern Safety Liaison Group**

<b>Meeting Number:</b> 87	<b>Venue:</b> Site Safe ATC
<b>Date:</b> 10.08.16	<b>Time:</b> 7.00am
<b>Chair:</b> J Buse	<b>Minutes:</b> J Buse

**Attendees:**

Name:	Company:
B Cleur	ETCO
Maarten Tinsel	Electrix
John Lasenby	Fletcher
Peter Callaghan	Dominion
Julian Rickards	Cassidy
Jason Papuni	Worksafe
Philippa Gibson	Worksafe

Name:	Company:
John Buse	Site Safe
Warren Turner	Watts & Hughes
Dave Gettins	Brosnan
Ignatuis Serfontein	Aspec
Tanya Colvin	ACC
Lawrence Baker	TriEx
Wendy Spence	Business Health Services

**Apologies:**

Name:	Company:
Robert Stewart	Hirepool

Name:	Company:

**Agenda:****1. Welcome:**

Item	Action
a) Introduction of attendees	

**2. Previous Minutes:**

Item	Action
a) Read and accepted.	

**3. Guest Speaker(s):**

Item	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Philippa Gibson – Worksafe</b> (0272246726): Requirement to monitor exposure and health of workers.</li> </ul> <p>NZ isn't performing very well with work related health issues– going to be a Worksafe area of focus over the next 10yrs.</p> <p>Stats: 600 – 1000 deaths p.a. due to long term latency illnesses and 30,000 new cases of work related ill-health p.a. In construction – 20 times more die of health issues than by industrial accident.</p> <p>Primary duty of care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Monitor exposure – at a personal level not the general environment</li> <li>(ii) Monitor the health of an individual exposed to above acceptable limits of substances that present a risk. An 'instrument' (legally enforceable duty) will apply to specific substances in 2017.</li> </ul> <p>Worksafe's approach will be through: Engagement – Education – Enforcement There are Toolbox Talks on their web site covering Welding, Silica, Wood dust and others will be developed. Worksafe also have a dedicated 'Health' section.</p>	

Non-substance (eg. Noise, vibration & light) exposure and health monitoring is still required under the 'primary duty of care'.

Later this year the competency of health professionals can be checked on the HASANZ web site, (Occ Nurses, Physicians and H&S professionals).

PPE shouldn't be the first or only means of protection – there are some that for example, shouldn't wear respiratory protection due to other health issues and fit testing is required for individuals.

[Tanya C mentioned Thomson Reuters NZ have new Legislation guidance]

- **Wendy Spence – Business Health Services** (021976509): Health risks of dust.

The construction industry environment is variable and has multiple employers sharing it. The knowledge about health risks isn't great and the causes of death due to illness and industry(s) worked in isn't known or recorded.

In the UK health information is better recorded the Health:Accident fatality ratio is approx. 300:1 while NZ is 20:1 (Health 1,000:50 Accident) - highlighting NZ's lack of data.

Respirable dust particles can't normally be seen and is harmful if excessive exposure. Can affect the lungs causing fibrosis, cancer and other health issues.

Employers are responsible for:

- providing information on harmful substances, such as exposure limits and the effects.
- providing protection
- monitoring health (i) pre-employment (ii) annual (iii) exit.

#### 4. Matter arising from previous meeting:

Item	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>General Comments on last meet discussions:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Nil</li></ul></li></ul>	

#### 5. General Business:

Item	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dave G</b> mentioned the Australian mining industry had a Health Surveillance Card which meant that itinerant workers had their health monitoring history with then which simplified health monitoring for employers.</li><li>• <b>John L</b> mentioned lone workers in lift shafts is an issue worth considering.</li></ul>	

#### Next Meeting:

Meeting Number:	<u>88</u>	Venue:	<u>Site Safe 92 Beachcroft Ave, Onehunga</u>
Date:	<u>12th Oct 2016</u>	Time:	<u>7.00am</u>
Chair:	<u>Maarten Tinsel</u>	Minutes:	<u>John Buse</u>