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Dear Stakeholder:

Re: Update on Early and Safe Return to Work Policies

I am writing to thank you for your continued interest in our revised draft Early and Safe Return to Work (ESRTW) policies, and to inform you that a report summarizing stakeholder feedback from the second round of consultations is now available on the Policy Consultations page of the WSIB website (www.wsib.on.ca).

During the consultation period, which ended on February 15, 2007, we received 85 written submissions on the revised policies. We are currently consolidating all the feedback received from stakeholders and analyzing the results of the policy testing. The WSIB will integrate this analysis with other key organizational initiatives such as our Service Delivery Team Roles Review.

As you will recall, following the first round of consultations in 2005, we made a number of improvements and changes to the draft policies based on the valuable input we received from stakeholders. The policies were streamlined and simplified to ensure that their intent and direction is clear and unambiguous. They were also reduced in number from eight to six.

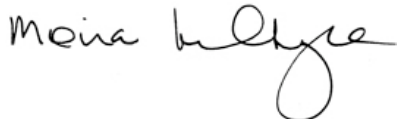
The WSIB continues to make refinements to the draft policies based on feedback received during the second round of consultation and findings from the policy testing. We will share the proposed revisions with you later this year.

For those of you who are interested, a copy of all submissions received during the consultations is available in the WSIB's Reference Library. The library is located on the 17th floor of the WSIB's Head Office, Simcoe Place, 200 Front Street West, Toronto. The library's hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you require additional information about the revised draft ESRTW policies, please contact Helene Guilmet-DeSimone, Manager, Benefits and Revenue Policy Branch at (416) 344-4344 or toll-free at 1-800-387-0750, ext. 4344. Or you can e-mail her at: helene_guilmet-desimone@wsib.on.ca.

The WSIB is fully committed to supporting workplace parties throughout Ontario in their efforts to achieve successful return to work outcomes. Working together, we can build healthier workplaces and help support the financial viability of the workplace safety and insurance system.

Thank you again for your time and interest in this very important initiative, and in helping to create safer and healthier workplaces for all Ontarians.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Moira McIntyre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "y" at the end.

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