

From: [Paul Taylor](#)
To: [Natasha Mohabir](#)
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request 22-314
Date: October 19, 2022 11:25:00 AM
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[Doctors Progress Report.pdf](#)
[Old progress Report R.pdf](#)

Good morning, Natasha,

Thank you for your e-mail requesting clarity on my FOI request.

To be clear this request is NOT regarding any specific individual claim information. It is specifically regarding the actual information within the WSIB's form doctors are provided by the WSIB. This is the form doctors are required by the WSIB to use to provide the WSIB with updated medical information on an individual who has been injured by their employer's workplace.

I have provided you with an old Doctor's progress report from which I took form my claim file. I redacted all personal information. I then have provided you a current doctor's progress report form. My concern is with the new current doctor's progress report form. Specifically, that instead of the form asking for information, it is clearly manipulating the doctor by stating what the doctor should do and also that the doctor can not remove a work solely due to pain.

Therefore, someone at the WSIB made these changes to this WSIB doctor's report form 26.

As such I would like to know:

1. Who made the changes to the form, by adding the additional statements, as previously outlined below?
2. What legal authority allowed them to make these changes to the form?
3. In making such statements of medical fact, I would like to know the source they are referencing this information from. Was it personal opinions,

opinions of a WSIB paid medical consultant, or was it based on peer reviewed scientific research? Specifically regarding:

- a. *“return to safe and appropriate work is best practice”*;
 - b. *“most workers who experience soft tissue injury are able to remain at work”*; and
 - c. *“pain should not be the only medical restriction.”*
4. Was this updated Doctor’s progress report form 26 approved by the WSIB board of directors,
- a. If so, are their minutes of the Board of directors meeting confirming this approval can I be provided a copy of the minutes.
 - b. If not, then who approved the changes tot his form and what authority did they have to make such approval?
5. Is it the position of the WSIB’s Board of Directors that PAIN is not a disability? Can an answer be provided directly by the WSIB board of directors?

Again, thank you Natasha in my search for the truth, by use of the freedom of information requests. If you still have questions or are confused by this request please feel free to call me at home at [REDACTED]

Respectfully yours,

Paul Taylor

From: Natasha Mohabir <Natasha_Mohabir@wsib.on.ca>
Sent: October 18, 2022 5:54 PM
To: Paul Taylor [REDACTED]
Subject: Freedom of Information Request 22-314

Hello,

As stated previously in my email regarding 22-313, the FOI process does not answer claim specific questions. I also need you to be specific to which claim number you are referring too?

I searched the claim number provided in FOI Request 22-313 and there are 3 Form 26’s in this claim.

Which one are you referring too?

To quickly address the questions regarding to WSIB's Board of Directors, they do not review or approve claim specific forms. Are you asking if they approved the use of the Form 26 template?

Again, you will need to scope this request to DOCUMENTS and not questions, we will be placing this request on HOLD until we receive clarification.

Thanks,



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The WSIB's Health Professional's Progress Report (Form 26) compared to previous versions of the form has added three statements of concern:

1. When work injury/illness occurs, focus on return to usual activity including return to safe and appropriate work is best practice.
2. Most workers who experience soft tissue injury are able to remain at work.
3. Pain should not be the only medical restriction.

I would like to know who made the changes to the form, by adding these statements?

What legal authority allowed them to make these changes to the form?

In making such statements of medical fact, I would like to know the source they are referencing this information from.

Was this information the opinion of one or two paid doctors, or was it based on peer reviewed scientific research study?

In forcing a medical professional to state that an individual cannot be removed from work solely based on pain, is it the WSIB's Board of Directors position that pain is not a disability?

Was this form approved by the WSIB's Board of Directors and if so, are their minutes of the meeting confirming the approval of this form?

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Paul Taylor

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