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SYNOPSIS

FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER RISK

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Key words: Firefighters, Cancer, Presumptive legislation, Lifetime Costing, workers' compensation

Purpose of your paper: To illustrate a lifetime costing approach in respect of workers compensation benefits for firefighters who contract cancer due to occupational exposures, under presumptive legislation.

Synopsis: Presumptive legislation has been introduced in many jurisdictions internationally in respect of firefighters' occupational exposures to carcinogens. It has also recently been considered by a number of jurisdictions in Australia. This paper compares the international experience with that in Australia, and considers the evidence on cancer incidence rates. A lifetime costing model is then used to illustrate the cost using an example Australian workers compensation scheme if presumptive legislation were introduced.