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Transport and Storage Industry Sector Standing Committee

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The Transport and Storage Industry Standing Committee (the Committee) met on 24 April 2024. The Chair, Ms Julie Russell, welcomed Committee members to the first meeting.

The Chair facilitated discussions focused on establishing a foundation for the Committee's three-year term including:

- Endorsing the Committee's terms of reference, a key governance document that has been developed to support the operations of the Committee; and
- Identifying the reporting requirements to undertake Committee functions; noting the primary function of an Industry Sector Standing Committee is to give advice and make recommendations to the Work Health and Safety board about work health and safety in the industry sector for which the committee is established (Work Health and Safety Act 2011, Schedule 2, Division 5, Section 15).

The Chair invited the committee members to discuss the current and emerging issues and risks in the transport and storage industry. The following key matters were raised by the Committee chair and members:

- The increase in new cognitive distractions through the introduction/increase in Artificial Intelligence and other technology tools into the job task
- Further guidance materials required for enlivening the code 'Managing risk of psychosocial hazards at work' in an increasingly complex and multilayered environment impacting psychological wellbeing in general
- The potential gaps within the existing Code "hazardous manual tasks" that may exist when considering the increase in degenerative injuries and musculoskeletal conditions that arise with an aging workforce cohort.

The Members discussed items for future meetings including inviting the Office of Industrial Relations to present on work health design issues and their management and an update on the implementation of Psychosocial code of practice.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday, 17 July 2024.