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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - REGULATION OF ERGONOMICS SEPTEMBER 2018

The Final Impact Assessment: Regulations of Ergonomics

The Final Impact Assessment provides a more detailed assessment of the ultimately policy/legislative/ regulations/ other proposal. In addition, it identifies (a) mechanisms for monitoring, evaluation and modification as required; and (b) a system for managing appeals that could emerge around the implementation process.

1. The problem Statement/ Theory of Change

- 1.1. Give summary of the proposal, identifying the problem to be addressed and the root (causes) of the problem that will be addressed by the new rule.
 - Summary of the proposal (Summary Background of the proposed policy/bill/ regulations/ other)

The Department of Labour's Compensation Fund has promulgated a list of compensable occupational diseases through the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act, Act 130 of 1993. This list is based on the list of occupational diseases established by the International Labour Organisation in 2010. This list includes a number of occupational diseases related to exposure to ergonomic risks in the workplace.

The occupational diseases relating to ergonomic risk included;

- Diseases caused by vibration, including;
 - disorders of the muscles, tendon, bones, joints and peripheral blood vessels or peripheral nerves;
- Musculoskeletal disorders (MSD) including;
 - Radial Styloid and Chronic tenosynovitis due to repetitive movements, forceful exertions and extreme postures
 - Olecranon bursitis
 - Prepatellar bursitis
 - Epicondylitis
 - Meniscus lesions
 - Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
 - Other MDS not listed, but where exposure to risk factors arising from the workplace and the contract of a MSD

- Mental and behavioural disorders, including;
 - Post-traumatic stress disorder
 - Other mental or behavioural disorder not listed, but where exposure to risk factors arising from the workplace and the contract of a mental or behavioural disorder

According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), 2.34 million people die annually of work-related accidents and diseases. Of the 2.34 million deaths, 86% or just over 2 million resulted from occupational diseases. The ILO also estimates 160 million non-fatal occupational diseases are diagnosed each year. Occupational diseases also result in significant costs as employees and their families become impoverished, there is an increased burden on health systems and reduction of employee capability and productivity. The ILO estimates that 4% or 2.8 trillion USD of the global gross domestic product (GDP) is lost annually due to direct or indirect costs related to occupational diseases and injuries.

In South Africa, the Compensation Commissioner, who is for the compensation of occupational injuries and diseases through the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act, has accepted a total of 140 790 occupational injuries and diseases for the first six months of the 2018/2019 year alone. One of the registered associations which compensates occupational injuries and diseases for the iron and steel sector has accepted 70 178 claims for the three years of 2015, 2016 and 2017, which equates to more than R 900 000 000.

The current working environment is not only faced with the existing hazards of chemicals and noise exposure, but there has been an emergence of Musculoskeletal (MSD) and Mental Health Disorders. In the European Union, Musculoskeletal Disorders are the most common occurring work-related adverse health effect and in 2009, the World Health Organisation (WHO) reported that MSDs are responsible for more than 10% of all years lost to employee disability. Diseases relating to work-related stress have emerged in recent years. Exposure to occupational stress may result in employees turning to unhealthy lifestyle behaviours which have an impact on the workplace. It has also been proven that there is a link between occupational stress and other conditions such as MDSs and serious cardiovascular disorders.

The ILO has set out steps in order to prevent occupational diseases. For effective prevention, a country would need to incorporate national Occupational Health and Safety systems, inspection and prevention programmes and compensation system. The Department of Labour has already established inspection programmes and a

compensation system for occupational diseases and injuries. However, one of the requirements for an effective national Occupational Health and Safety system is the establishment of appropriate laws and regulations to prevent occupational diseases and injuries. The Department of Labour has already established the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Act 85 of 1993. This Act, under Section 43, allows for the Minister of the Department to make any regulation in the interest of health and safety of any persons at the workplace. In light of this, the Advisory Council for Occupational Health and Safety, established under Section 2 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, advised the Minister to promulgate a Regulation relating to Ergonomics in the workplace.

ii. Problem/s and root causes that the proposal is trying to address

Identified Problem	Root causes
A large number of claims for	Employers have failed to implement
occupational injuries and diseases	ergonomics preventative actions in the work
are submitted the Compensation	place. Such preventative actions would be
Commissioner and mutual	the introduction of an ergonomics
associations on a daily basis, as	programme, which will include the following
indicated above. Individual studies	aspects; an ergonomics risk assessments,
has indicated that in the last twelve	ergonomics surveys, medical surveillance,
months, at least 69% of employees	training of employees, implementing control
working in factories suffer from	measures and designing out hazards and
lower back pain, while 76% of	maintenance.
employees in the financial sector	
are affected by any pain and	
discomfort to the body in a	
workplace. Other studies have	
shown a prevalence of between 76	
to 84% of ergonomics related pain	
and discomfort in health care	
workers.	

1.2. Describe the intended outcomes of the proposal

Ergonomics plays a crucial role in the management of occupational health and safety in the workplace. One of the intended outcomes is to reduce the risk of exposure to ergonomics related disorders and enhancing the quality of employees lives. The number of people claiming from the Compensation Fund due to ergonomic conditions should be reduced with the ultimate goal of clearing the claims out completely. The benefits of ergonomics may have a positive direct and indirect on the personnel at the workplace, productivity and design of products.

The personnel benefits include;

- Reduced accidents, injuries and diseases
- Reduced absenteeism and turnover of employees
- Reduced training costs
- Improved skills of employees
- Increased output of employees
- Reduced error rate

The benefits relating to productivity include;

- Reduction in scrap, equipment parts and materials
- Reduction in overhead rate

The benefits to product design include;

- Reduce time spent on maintenance
- Savings from modifications to equipment
- Savings from underused equipment
- Net savings in material and supply costs
- Improvement in quality and quantity of products
- Reduction in litigation costs
- Increased sales and value of stock

The indirect, positive benefits of ergonomics in the workplace include;

- The conveyance of concern to employees by the employer
- Greater loyalty and commitment and better behaviour from the employee
- An improvement in the corporate image of the employer, including better relationships with the surrounding communities.
- 1.3. Describe the groups that will benefit from the proposal, and the groups that will face the cost. These groups could be described by their role in the economy or in society. As a minimum, consider if there will be specific benefits or costs for the

poorest households (earning R 7000 a month or less); for black people, youth or women; for small and emerging enterprise; and /or for rural development. Add more rows if required:

Groups that will	How will they benefit?
benefit	
Employer	 They will have fewer injuries and diseases at the work place. They will have less absenteeism and staff turnover. They will have fewer claims for compensation, resulting in a decrease in annual fees which, like any insurance, increase because of claiming patterns. A healthy employee will perform better for their employer, thus becoming more productive and producing a better quality of product. The employer will benefit from an increase in revenue, as a result from increased productivity and quality of work.
Employees	 They will work in environment which is safer and healthier. They will have less or no injuries and diseases. They will lead healthy lives, better living standards with less ailments, sicknesses and full employment.
Government	The Department of Labour's entity, the Compensation Fund and the Department of Health will benefit in that less employees will be injured or sick, resulting in less burden on health systems at local and provincial level.
Occupational health and safety professionals	Occupational health and safety professionals will benefit in that they will be able to provide additional services to employers, thus increasing revenue and more employment opportunities.
Training institutions	Training centres, such as universities, colleagues and short course providers will establish degrees, diploma and certificates for individuals interested in becoming professionals in the field

Groups that will	How will they benefit?
benefit	
	of ergonomics.
Groups that will	How will they incur the costs or lose?
bear the cost or	
lose	
Employers	They will be required conduct a risk assessment, implement
	control measures and maintain such measures and conduct
	medical surveillance on affected employees.

1.4. Describe the behaviour that must be changed, main mechanisms to achieve the necessary changes. These mechanisms may include modifications in decision making process systems; changes in procedures; educational work; sanctions; and or incentives. Also identify groups inside or outside government whose behaviour will have to change to implement the proposal. Add more rows if required.

Groups inside	Behaviour that must be	Main mechanism to achieve
Government	changed (Current Behaviour)	the necessary changes
National, Provincial	Currently, ergonomics is not	Awareness (through advocacy
Departments, Local Government Authorities	regarded as a high priority as it	amongst other modes) needs
and Municipalities	is not one of the traditional,	to be created inside of
	historical occupational	government about the hazards
	hazards. However, due to	and adverse health effects
	increased stress in the	related to exposure to
	workplace and outside the	ergonomic risks.
	workplace, the poor design of	Development of strategies and
	equipment and different	implementation plans to reduce
	characteristics of individuals,	adverse health effects from
	there has been an increase in	ergonomics.
	ergonomics related injuries	
	and diseases. Government	
	behaviour and attitude towards	

Groups inside	Behaviour that must be	Main mechanism to achieve
Government	changed (Current Behaviour)	the necessary changes
	these should be changed to	
	recognize the need to have	
	safe equipment for employees	
	to do their work and still be	
	free from ergonomics.	

Groups outside	Behaviour that must be	Main mechanism to achieve
Government	changed (Current Behaviour)	the necessary changes
Employers and employer	Employers' behaviour of not	The creation of awareness and
organisations	providing equipment and	actual examples from industry
	working environment that will	on how improving an
	not cause ergonomics.	employee's working
	Employers are always aware	circumstances may result in
	of increased legislation and the	increased production and better
	costs associated with it, such	quality of work, thus increasing
	as training fees, consultant	the profit of the employer.
	fees and equipment costs.	Awareness can be created
	They are avoid the cost	through advocacy, which is in
	associated with healthy	line with the Inspectorate of the
	working environment even	Department's current mandate.
	though the ultimate cost is	
	more as it affect them and the	
	workers' health and this is also	
	supposed to change. They	
	should change from aiming to	
	complying only with the	
	minimum standard.	
Employees and Trade	Employees sometime expect	Awareness campaigns and
Unions	the employer to be responsible	training will be used to
	for everything in the workplace	capacitate employees.
	and do not take responsibility	Employees also need to
	for themselves and their fellow	cooperate with the employer in
	employees. This behaviour	order to achieve a workplace
	results in ergonomic conditions	which has reduced risk and
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Groups outside Behaviour that must be M		Main mechanism to achieve
Government	changed (Current Behaviour)	the necessary changes
	which could have been	facilitates an improvement in
	avoided if employees took	working conditions.
	responsibility.	
Professional bodies of	Ergonomics is regarded by	Through the incorporation of
Occupational Health and Training institutions-	professional not in the field of	ergonomics based courses and
	ergonomics as an inferior	lecturers in other occupational
	discipline. This is again due to	disciplines such as
	the fact that ergonomics is a	occupational hygiene and
	relatively new discipline in	occupational medicine, all
	terms of other occupational	professionals will ascertain the
	stressors and therefore	knowledge and understanding
	become undervalued.	of the important of addressing
		ergonomic risks in the
		workplace.

1.5. Report on consultations on the proposal with the affected government agencies, business and other groupings. What do they see as the main benefits, costs and risks? Do they support or oppose the proposal? What amendments do they propose? And have these amendments been incorporated in your proposal?

Table on consultations:

Af	fected Stakeholders	What do they see as	Do they support or	What <u>amendments</u> do	Have these amendments
		main benefits, costs and	oppose the proposal?	they propose?	been incorporated in
		risks?			your proposal?
1.	Government	The costs mentioned were	It was supported by the	The following	The proposed
	Departments and	of the fees to be paid to	departments and agencies	amendments were	amendments were
	Agencies	consultants to implement		proposed;	discussed by the technical
-	Dept. of Health	the Regulation.		- Changes to definitions	committee and changes
-	Rail Safety Regulator			used in the regulation	were made to the
-	Transnet	The benefits mentioned		- Re-wording of phrases	Regulation from the
-	Road Accident Fund	were the improved		to be more in line with	proposals.
-	National Institute for	working conditions of		internationally used	
	Occupational Health	employees and increased		terms	
		productivity.			
2.	Business	The costs highlighted were	Business was in support of	The following	All the submitted
-	KFC	relating to the fees to be	the Regulations	amendments were	comments were discussed
-	Standard Bank	paid to consultants to		proposed;	in the technical committee
-	Tristar	implement the Regulation.		- Limiting the scope of	and alterations were made
-	SASOL	There was also a concern		the Regulations	to the final Regulation.
-	Business Unity South	with the number of		- Providing more clarity	
	Africa	qualified professionals in		on the type of work to	
		South Africa to assist		assessed	
		employers with		- Provide specific	

Affected Stakeholders	What do they see as	Do they support or	What amendments do	Have these amendments
	main benefits, costs and	oppose the proposal?	they propose?	been <u>incorporated</u> in
	risks?			your proposal?
	implementing the		information of training	
	Regulation. The scope of		needs	
	the Regulation was also			
	very wide and it was			
	suggested to be more			
	specific.			
	The benefits mentioned			
	were the improved			
	working conditions of			
	employees and increased			
	productivity.			
3. Organised Labour	No costs and risks were	Organised labour was in	No comments were	Yes, their comments were
- COSATU	raised by organised	support of the Regulations	received by organised	incorporated in at all
- Nactu	labour. The benefits they		labour, however, they	stages of the development
- Fedusa	mentioned included an		formed part of the	of the Regulations.
	improved working		technical committee and	
	environment and healthier		their comments were	
	employees.		incorporated at all stages	
			of the development of the	

Af	fected Stakeholders	What do they see as	Do they <u>support</u> or	What <u>amendments</u> do	Have these amendments
		main benefits, costs and	oppose the proposal?	they propose?	been incorporated in
		<u>risks?</u>			your proposal?
				Regulation.	
4.	Civil	The costs highlighted were	All the institutions were in	Comments were received	Yes, the comments
	Society/Institutions	to the implementation of	favour of the Regulations.	relating to the definitions	received were
-	Rhodes University	the Regulations. However,		of terms used in the	incorporated into the final
-	University of KZN	the benefits would include		Regulations, the	Regulations.
-	University of Cape	an improved working		requirements of medical	
	Town	environment, healthier		surveillance in the	
-	Stellenbosch	employees and increased		Regulations and who will	
	University	productivity which may		be determined as a	
-	North West University	lead to development and		competent person in terms	
		more employment options.		of the Regulation.	
5.	Professional bodies	The costs and benefits	All the professional bodies	The proposed	The technical committee
-	Ergonomics Society of	raised by the professional	were in favour of the	amendments to the	assessed all the
	South Africa	bodies were similar to	Regulations.	Regulations included	comments received and
-	Southern Africa	those mentioned by the		changes to the definition	altered the definition to
	Institute of	institutions in the above		of a competent person.	one that does not exclude
	Occupational Hygiene	cell. The main costs will be		The different professional	some professions
-	South African Society	on the employers,		bodies provided different	
	of Occupational Health	however the benefits		alternatives which	
	Nursing	include improved working		favoured there field of	

Affected Stakeholders	What do they see as	Do they support or	What amendments do	Have these amendments
	main benefits, costs and	oppose the proposal?	they propose?	been incorporated in
	risks?			your proposal?
- South African Society	conditions, less injuries		speciality. Other proposals	
of Occupational	and diseases and an		were made to definitions	
Medicine	increase in productivity.		of terms used in the	
- South African			Regulation	
Petroleum Industry				
- Occupational Therapy				
in Occupational Health				
6. The Public	The costs of the	The comments received	Comments were made on	Yes, the comments were
	Regulations will be mainly	were not against the	definitions and gramma.	taken into account and the
	on the employer. The	implementation of the		Regulation was amended.
	employees and	Regulations.		
	consultants will benefit			
	from the implementation of			
	the Regulations.			

1.6. Describe possible disputes arising out of the implementation of the proposal, and system for settling and appealing them. How onerous will it likely be for members of the public to lodge a complaint and how burdensome and expeditious is the proposed dispute-settlement procedure?

The Technical Committee is positive that all disputes were addressed when incorporating the public comments into the draft Regulation. The only other foreseen disputes with the implementation of the Ergonomics Regulations are the time-frame given to employers to implement the Regulation. Even though a time-frame will be provided, some employers might need additional time in order to implement the Regulations due to constraints applicable to their workplace.

The Occupational Health and Safety Act, Act 85 of 1993, under which these regulations will be promulgated, include a section for appeals, Section 35. This section allows for any person to appeal any decision taken by an inspector of the Department of Labour to the Chief Inspector. The Chief Inspector then has the obligation to investigate the appeal and provide the individual with feedback on the appeal.

All appeals must be submitted in writing and may be sent electronically, by post or hand delivered to a Department of Labour 127 offices throughout the country. The appeal must be handled and finalised by the Department of Labour within the time-frame stipulated in the Standard Operating Procedure.

2. Impact Assessment

2.1. Describe the costs and benefits of implementing the proposal to the groups identified in point 1.5 above, using the following chart. Add more rows if required:

Group	Implementation	Costs of	Costs/Benefits from	Comments
	Costs	changing	achieving desired	
		behaviour	outcome	
Employers	Implementation of	Training and	The long term benefits	As will all

Group	Implementation	Costs of	Costs/Benefits from	Comments
	Costs	changing	achieving desired	
		behaviour	outcome	
	costs relating to assessing, monitoring, medical surveillance, control measures and maintenance	workshop costs	of having a healthy workforce will benefit the employers. Costs relating to the implementation costs will be an initial investment, but will reduce in time as programmes will need to be maintained and not started from new.	occupational health and safety programmes, they require an initial investment of capital and resources, which reduce in time as maintaining is not as costly as implementing
Employees		Trade Unions will host workshops and seminar for their members Trade Unions will be required to advocate the Ergonomics Regulations to their members. This will include disseminating information received from Government	Improved working conditions will result in decent work. Decent work will result in employees working harder for employers, which can result in increased productivity. Increased productivity results in increased employment and investment.	
Department of Labour	Additional Inspectors	Government will carry the costs for implementing the Ergonomics Regulations. This includes the meetings held to develop the Regulations, costs relating to publishing and advocating the Regulations and training of inspectors to enforce and advocate the Regulations. The Department of	Occupational Health and Safety's aim is to reduce occupational injuries and diseases, thus reducing the burden on the households, communities and country, which results from occupational injuries and diseases.	

Group	Implementation	Costs of	Costs/Benefits from	Comments
	Costs	changing	achieving desired	
		behaviour	outcome	
Occupational Health and Safety Professionals		Labour hosted workshops to business, organised labour and professions throughout the progress of producing the Regulation. Professionals will need to develop programmes and tools to use in the assessing and monitoring for ergonomic risks.	The professional will be better equipped to provide a full range of services to an employer, thus decreasing the cost of obtaining more than one professional.	
Training Centres		Training standards and degrees will need to be developed and accreditation obtained.	More students will enrol into the training centre or institution, thus increasing the income.	

2.2. Describe the changes required in budgets and staffing in government in order to implement the proposal. Identify where additional resources would be required for implementation. It is assumed that existing staff are fully employed and cannot simply absorb extra work without relinquishing other tasks:

The Department of Labour already has inspectors who focus on occupational health and safety. Additional inspectors are required, but not only for implementing the ergonomics regulations. The capacity of new and existing inspectors will need to be increased through additional trainings, but this is already in place for all occupational health and safety related hazards.

2.3. Describe how the proposal minimises implementation and compliance costs.

Many employers are already implementing systems and programmes of occupational health and safety. Systems and programmes relating to ergonomics can therefore be incorporated into the existing systems and programmes, thus minimising the costs of implementing the regulations and complying with the regulations. The Department of

Labour has already trained thirty of its inspectors throughout the country in ergonomics, therefore already reducing the costs relating to training of inspectors.

3. Managing Risk

3.1. Describe the main risks to the achievement of the desired ends of the policy/bill/regulations/other and/ or to the national priorities (aims) that could arise from adoption of the proposal. Also describe the measures taken to manage the identified risks. Add more rows if necessary:

The main risk of this regulation is the lack of implementation from the employers.

In order for the Regulation to be implemented correctly, the Department of Labour has planned and will plan country-wide workshops to employers, employees and organised labour, professional bodies and institutions once the Regulations have been promulgated. Employers and employees not complying with the Regulation may result in the employer, employee and government not getting the full benefits of a workplace that is safe and free from a risk to health.

Identified Risk	Mitigation Measures
Non-implementation of the Ergonomics Regulations in the workplaces	 The Department of Labour has advocated the Ergonomics Regulations to employers and employees, with 6 workshops being held across the country. Future workshops will be held around the country once the Regulations are promulgated in order to advocate the Regulations Once the Regulation has been promulgated, there will be a phase-in period for employers and employees to comply with the regulation. The length of the phase-in period will be recommended by the technical committee to the Minister's Advisory Council for Occupational health and Safety. The Advisory Council will then evaluate the socio and economic environment in the country and either extend or reduce the phase-in period. During the phase-in period, Inspections will be conducted at employers to advocate Regulations Once the phase-in period has ended, Inspectors will be able to enforce the regulations on employers and employees. If after the inspection, the Inspector has determined a non-compliance to the regulation, the employer or employee will be given a period of 60 days to comply with the non-compliance. Should there still be no compliance after the 60 days, the Inspector shall recommend prosecution to employers and employees

who do not comply.

3.2. Describe the mechanisms <u>included in your proposal</u> for monitoring implementation, evaluating the outcomes, and modifying the implementation process if required. Estimate the minimum amount of time it would take from the start of the implementation process to identify a major problem and remedy it:

After the promulgation of the regulation, provincial offices will be required to report to the Directorate: Occupational Health and Hygiene on the number of inspections conducted per month in relation to ergonomics. In addition to the number of inspections conducted, the province will also have to report back on the specific noticed which were issued in terms of the regulation. The submitting of the reports will be monitored by the Deputy-Director for Physical Stressors in the Directorate: Occupational Health and Hygiene.

The Deputy-Director for Physical Stressors will also be responsible for evaluating the data submitted by the provinces in their reports. The data collected from the provincial reports will be tabled at the Ergonomics Technical Committee meeting for discussion by the technical committee. From the data collected, the technical committee will evaluate the information to determine if there are any issues with the regulation which must be addressed through an amendment. Once a decision is taken by the technical committee, it will be presented to the Minister's Advisory Council for Occupational health and Safety.

The feedback from the inspections conducted by the Inspectors in the provinces will ensure that the implementation of the regulation is monitored and evaluated on a monthly basis.

4. Summary

4.1. Summarise the impact of the proposal on the main national priorities

National Priority	Impact
Social Cohesion	N/A
2. Security (Safety, Financial,	Savings to government and employer due to reduced injuries
Food, Energy and etc.)	and diseases in the work place.
3. Economic Growth	A healthy and safe working environment results in Improved
	working conditions. Improved working conditions may result in
	employees working harder for employers, which can result in
	increased productivity. Increased productivity results in
	increased employment and investment.
4. Economic Inclusion (Job	Both occupational health professionals and training centres
Creation and Equality)	will benefit from the implementation of the Ergonomics
	Regulations. Increased demand for professionals will result in
	a high demand for occupational health professionals, resulting
	in an increased demand for training of occupational health
	professionals. The training centres will require more lecturers
	to provide the degree, diploma or course and administrative
	staff to assist with the running of the qualification.
5. Environmental	N/A
Sustainability	

4.2. Identify the social and economic groups that would **benefit most** and that would **bear the most cost**. Add more rows if required.

Main	Beneficiaries	Main	Cost bearers
1.	Employees (improved working conditions, improved quality of life and worker morale)	1.	Employers
2.	Employers (improved productivity)	2.	Government
3.	Government (inclusive and efficient implementation of occupational health and safety management systems)		

- 4.3. In conclusion, summarise what should be done to reduce the costs, maximise the benefits, and mitigate the risks associated with the policy/bill/regulations/other. Note supplementary measures (such as educational campaigns or provision of financing) as well as amendments to the draft itself, if appropriate. Add more lines if required.
 - a) In order to reduce costs, maximise the benefits and mitigate the risk associated with the regulations, the Department of Labour will facilitate the following measures:
 - i. To reduce the costs on employers, particularly small, medium and micro enterprises, the Department will capacitate their inspectorate to become fully professionalised and provide training and equipment for the inspectorate to enable them to conduct monitoring and assessments. Entities approved by the Department will also be requested to provide services at a reduced rate, with additional expenses being financed by other Department of Labour stakeholders.
 - ii. In order to maximise the benefits and minimise the risk associated with the regulation, the Department of Labour will require the buy-in from all stakeholders in occupational health and safety. The buy-in will be facilitated through the Department of Labour in the form of workshops with stakeholders i.e. employers and business representatives, labour unions and employees and professionals in the field of occupational health and safety. In addition to the six workshops already held throughout the country, more workshops are planned after the promulgation of the regulation. The aim of the workshop it to advocate the regulation and to dispel any misunderstanding with regard to the regulation.
- 4.4. Please identify areas where additional research would improve understanding of the costs, benefits and/ or risks of the policy/bill/regulations/other

Once the Ergonomics Regulations have implemented, the Department of Labour may consider conducting research into the success of implementing the Regulations. This could include the reduction in the amount of occupational disease and injury claims submitted for compensation.

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