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To ALL UFU MEMBERS

LIBERAL MP SPENDS OVER 40 MINUTES DEFENDING HIMSELF BUT WILL NOT ACT TO DEFEND FIREFIGHTERS

Firefighters again filled the public gallery in Victorian Parliament today in anticipation of further debate and an expected vote on presumptive legislation.

Over 100 firefighters were present in a show of strength to impress on Parliamentarians the seriousness of presumptive legislation and the recognition of occupational cancer. This was following over 150 firefighters attending just two weeks ago.

On both occasions firefighters expected a vote on Green MP Colleen Hartland's motion calling on the Government to introduce presumptive legislation to ensure firefighters with occupational cancer can access their entitlements.

It seems however that some Parliamentarians are failing to get the message.

After Planning Minister Matthew Guy spent over 40 minutes defending his own reputation against a no confidence motion brought against him, the Victorian Liberal Government then wasted the entire allotted time for a vote on presumptive legislation with delay tactics of filibustering- again!

That is, they put up speaker after speaker to use up all the allocated time for the motion so that the vote could not be taken.

Firefighters, in a show of disgust and in silent protest against these tactics, again stood together and left the gallery as one, refusing to listen to the weak excuses from the Government to not support this important legislation.

However, the fight for presumptive legislation in Victoria is not over yet!

Colleen Hartland will again put the motion, and continue to, until this Government finally votes and shows their hand of this important issue.

They say they support firefighters, it's time to show that support with action!

Thank you once again to everyone who turned out today to support the campaign for presumptive legislation to protect Victorian firefighters.

We know you will keep coming and keep supporting this very important legislation for as long as it takes and will continue to hold this Government to account.

Strength in Unity
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