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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: Will the participant need to prove negligence of the provider or the Commonwealth to enable a claim?

Ms Lane: That is probably a difficult question to answer. If there is a claim to be made, it will be made through either the service provider's insurance provider or the Commonwealth's provider, depending on the nature of the incident.

Senator URQUHART:Sorry, before I deal with that one, can I just go back to the question about the negligence: will the participant need to prove negligence? I think, Ms Lane, you said that you did not have the expertise. I am just wondering if you could take that on notice and provide an answer.

Ms Lane: Sure.

Answer:

The Department will purchase personal accident and public liability insurance on behalf of all Green Army Participants. This insurance will provide guaranteed, minimum coverage for all Participants. Negligence on behalf of the Commonwealth or Service Providers will not be required to be proved for Participants to make a claim under personal accident insurance.