

WORKPLACE FATALITIES

Statement

HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan) [5.48 pm]: I would like to make a brief member's statement. I do not think it would have gone unnoticed by most members of this house that a worker died on a construction project yesterday afternoon. Sadly, this was the second worker who died at work this week, and there was one last week. It is important to note that, aside from the often confected outrage that we all express in here for our hurt feelings and emotions, there are workers out there who, unfortunately, do not get to go home to their families. I feel most sad for the families of the workers who have died, and I am sure that most members of this house would join me in expressing condolences to their families. Every worker who goes to work should come home in the same state that they arrived at work but, in this case, that has not happened. Of course, we do not know a lot of the details. Over time that will come out. Again, safety is everybody's business. It is the business of this house. Sadly, we have lost some workers. I express my condolences to their families.