

WORKERS COMPENSATION AND INJURY MANAGEMENT BILL 2023 — EXCLUSIONS

**1061. Hon BEN DAWKINS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Industrial Relations:**

I refer to the *Hansard* of 15 August 2023 and comments made by Hon Matthew Swinbourn that it is not the government's intention to exclude any class of workers from coverage under the Workers Compensation and Injury Management Bill 2023.

If the courts find that clause 12 of the bill excludes contractors from coverage, as the Australian Lawyers Alliance has confirmed, will WorkCover WA advise or educate the excluded workers that they will need to obtain their own insurance cover?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I think I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Industrial Relations.

As has been previously stated, it is not the government's intention to exclude any class of worker who is currently covered, but, rather, to clarify the definition of "worker". This is necessary to reduce the uncertainty regarding contractors in the current definition and any disputation in the future. WorkCover WA will publish fact sheets on this issue before the bill commences operation.