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Public Administration Committee: New Inquiry into WorkSafe

The Standing Committee on Public Administration today announced the commencement of an inquiry into WorkSafe Western Australia.

The Committee has identified the following issues to investigate as part of its inquiry:

- WorkSafe's performance against the objects of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1984*
- funding and resourcing of WorkSafe
- adequacy of WorkSafe's training, oversight and accountability processes
- adequacy of administrative processes, including complaints, investigations and prosecution processes
- adequacy of WorkSafe's audits of training providers delivering occupational health and safety training
- timely implementation and public education of coronial inquest recommendations arising from a workplace death
- legislative and jurisdictional issues
- any other relevant matter.

Hon Adele Farina, Chair, said, 'There have been 315 work-related deaths in Western Australia since 2001, with almost 20 fatalities occurring every year in the ten years between 2006 and 2016. Clearly we need to do more to reduce workplace deaths. The inquiry will review of the adequacy of existing Occupational Health and Safety laws, WorkSafe's processes and resourcing and make appropriate recommendations with the aim of improving workplace safety.'

The Committee has today called for public submissions and will also be contacting stakeholders to provide a submission to this inquiry. Submissions will close on 28 July 2017.

Visit the Committee's webpage for further information on the inquiry and information on how to provide a submission: www.parliament.wa.gov.au/pub.

For media inquiries, contact Hon Adele Farina, Chair on 0438 763 783.

Other inquiries to Ms Margaret Liveris, Committee Clerk on (08) 9222 7229.

Hon Adele Farina MLC
Chair