

1 May 2018

The Hon Adele Farina MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Public Administration
Legislative Council Committee Office
By email: lcco@parliament.wa.gov.au

Dear Chair

Inquiry into WorkSafe Western Australia

Thank you for your letter of 11 April 2018 regarding your Committee's examination of funding models for WorkSafe Western Australia and requesting information on how WorkSafe Tasmania is currently funded.

Below are answers to the specific questions in your correspondence.

1. *Is WorkSafe Tasmania still funded through consolidated revenue funding? If no, how is WorkSafe Tasmania funded now?*

Insofar as funding generally is concerned, this is determined based on the 'Output Budgeting' structure that has been adopted by the Tasmanian Government through the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF). Although, funding is also provided to WorkSafe Tasmania through the WorkCover Tasmania Board (WCTB) for the delivery of statutory functions for and on behalf of the WCTB.

2. *Is WorkSafe Tasmania still a separate organisation to WorkCover? If no, when did this change?*

WorkSafe Tasmania encompasses entities formerly known as Workplace Standards and WorkCover following an organisational restructure in early 2013. However, it is important to note the statutory arrangements that still exist for the WCTB which invariably delegates certain functions to officers of WorkSafe Tasmania.

3. *What relationship does WorkSafe Tasmania have with WorkCover?*

WorkSafe Tasmania maintains a close relationship with the WCTB which pursuant to Schedule 2 Part 2 clause (g) of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012* (Tas) has a role to monitor and review the regulator in connection with the exercise of powers and the performance of functions *Work Health and Safety Act 2012* (Tas).

4. What is the scope of WorkSafe Tasmania's operations?

WorkSafe Tasmania has responsibility for three (3) distinct policy areas as follows:

- Workplace relations

Construction Industry (Long Service) Act 1997

Industrial Relations Act 1984

Industrial Relations (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2009

Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 [Part 7]

Long Service Leave (Casual Wharf Employees) Act 1982

Long Service Leave (State Employees) Act 1994

Long Service Leave Act 1976

Shop Trading Hours Act 1984

Statutory Holidays Act 2000

- Work health and safety

Dangerous Goods (Road and Rail Transport) Act 2010

Explosives Act 2012

Mines Work Health and Safety (Supplementary Requirements) Act 2012

Security-sensitive Dangerous Substances Act 2005

Work Health and Safety Act 2012

Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2012

- Compensation schemes

Asbestos Related Diseases (Occupational Exposure) Compensation Act 2011

Workers' (Occupational Diseases) Relief Fund Act 1954

Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate in returning to me.

Yours sincerely

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