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REVIEW INTO WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

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A review of the state's workers compensation scheme commenced today.

The NSW Upper House's Standing Committee on Law and Justice previously examined the workers compensation scheme as part of a review of the exercise of the functions of the WorkCover Authority in 2012. The committee made a number of recommendations, including that the government separate the regulator and nominal insurer roles in the scheme. The government agreed to this, along with a number of the committee's other recommendations.

The NSW Government subsequently introduced a suite of legislative reforms to the state's insurance and compensation schemes in 2015. Significantly, the WorkCover Authority was abolished and its functions assumed by three discrete new organisations: the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) for workers compensation regulation; SafeWork NSW for work, health and safety regulation; and Insurance Care NSW (icare) for workers compensation insurance.

The Hon Shayne Mallard, Committee Chair, said: "This is the committee's first review of the scheme since the 2015 changes. The committee is eager to hear from stakeholders about the affordability, efficiency and sustainability of the scheme since we last looked at it in 2012, and is interested to hear about any impacts from the recent structural changes."

Mr Mallard continued "Submissions to the review are due by Sunday 25 September 2016. Stakeholders should note that the terms of reference prevent the committee from investigating individual compensations claims."

Further information about the review can be obtained from the Committee Secretariat via telephone (02) 9230 3368, fax (02) 9230 2981, email: lawandjustice@parliament.nsw.gov.au, or on the committee's website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lawandjustice.



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