JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO THE NEW SOUTH WALES WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

2 May 2012

Today Parliament resolved to establish a joint select committee to inquire into the New South Wales Workers Compensation Scheme. The Committee will be chaired by the Hon Robert Borsak MLC of the Shooters and Fishers Party.

The Inquiry will examine various aspects of the Scheme, including its performance in meeting key objectives including promoting better health outcomes and return to work outcomes for injured workers and the Scheme's financial sustainability. The Inquiry will also examine the functions and operations of the WorkCover Authority and will consider the WorkCover NSW Actuarial valuation of outstanding claims liability for the NSW Workers Compensation Nominal Insurer as at 31 December 2011.

"The New South Wales Workers Compensation Scheme is an integral part of the industrial relations landscape in this State", explained the Chair of the Committee, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC. "This Inquiry will examine the Scheme with a view to reporting on the issues in the terms of reference, and identifying ways to ensure that workers and employers in NSW are supported to appropriately manage workplace injuries."

The Committee encourages interested parties to make a submission by Thursday 17 May 2012. For more about the Inquiry, including terms of reference, updates and information on how to make a submission, please visit the Committee's website at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/workerscompinquiry.

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