

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE

**FIRST REVIEW OF THE EXERCISE OF THE FUNCTIONS OF
THE WORKCOVER AUTHORITY**

**ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ARISING FROM PUBLIC HEARING 12 MAY 2014**

1. Is the Authority aware Victorian WorkCover is investigating alleged breaches of OHS by AFL Clubs supplying their employees with prohibited or unauthorised drugs?

No, WorkCover is not aware of this investigation.

2. Is NSW WorkCover concerned about reports of similar drug misuse in NSW professional sporting clubs?

WorkCover considers that all injury and illness prevention and compliance interventions should be informed by the analysis of risks.

Regulatory enforcement and inspections should be:

- evidence-based and measurement based, that is, deciding what to inspect and how;
- grounded on data and evidence; and
- results should be evaluated regularly.

WorkCover's risk-based approach is concerned with focusing on significant workplace risks and issues based on this evidence and data. There is no data or evidence to suggest that an alleged drug misuse in New South Wales professional sporting clubs is a significant workplace health and safety matter.