

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 1

REVIEW OF THE INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF BULLYING IN WORKCOVER NSW

Responses to Supplementary Questions – Mr Vivek Bhatia – 28 October 2014

1.

What external supports are being provided to you as the Chief Executive Officer, WorkCover NSW?

I have regular interaction with the members of the Safety, Return to Work and Support Board including typically, one full day a month both for Board and Committee meetings. These meetings provide a forum for the discussion of strategic and operational matters, as well the opportunity to identify and discuss emerging issues. The Board brings a wide range of experience across the private and public sectors, which is of valuable support both to myself and the Senior Executive team.

In addition to the Board meetings, I typically meet each week on a one-on-one basis with the Chair of the Board.

During my professional career of 15 years, I have developed a strong personal network of senior corporate leaders that also provides guidance and assistance.

In the event of specific strategies, projects and initiatives that fall outside of internal capabilities, I have the ability to obtain external advice through the engagement of consultancy firms and/or subject matter experts with relevant expertise and experience.

2.

What external supports do you need as the Chief Executive Officer WorkCover NSW?

I am currently well supported in my role as Chief Executive Officer of SRWS and will continue to maintain the external support detailed above. As the Chief Executive Officer of SRWS and WorkCover, I have clear accountability to the SRWS Board and will continue to work closely with the Board and Minister.