

9 July 2018

Hon Adele Farina MLC  
Chair  
Legislative Council Committee Office  
Parliament House  
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West Perth WA 6005

Dear Ms Farina

### **Inquiry into WorkSafe Western Australia**

Firstly I would like to apologise for the delay in responding to your correspondence of 11 April 2018 about the Inquiry into WorkSafe Western Australia.

I am happy to confirm the position in respect of the questions which you have asked

1. Is WorkSafe still funded via workers compensation premiums?

Yes, WorkSafe Victoria is funded via workers compensation premiums, however in practice a substantial proportion of our income is also derived by the effective investment of premium balances held.

2. Is WorkSafe still combined with WorkCover?

Yes, WorkSafe Victoria comprises the Occupational Health and Safety Regulator and the workers compensation insurance scheme for Victorian workers.

3. What relationship does WorkSafe have with WorkCover?

WorkSafe Victoria and WorkCover are part of the same statutory entity.

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

WorkSafe Victoria plays a critical role in the lives of Victorian employers and workers - as the state's health and safety regulator and as the manager of Victoria's workers compensation scheme.

WorkSafe's responsibilities are outlined in the following Acts of Parliament

- health, safety and welfare in the workplace under the *Occupational Health & Safety Act 2004*
- workers' compensation and the rehabilitation of injured workers under the *Accident Compensation Act 1985* and the *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013*
- employer insurance and premium under the *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013*
- explosives and other dangerous goods under the *Dangerous Goods Act 1995*
- high-risk equipment used in public places and on private premises under the *Equipment (Public Safety) Act 1994*.

WorkSafe Victoria's web site, <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/> and our Annual Report <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/resources/worksafe-annual-report-2017> provide more information about our operations.

WorkSafe's Chief Corporate Operations, Roger Arnold, would be happy to provide any further information or clarifications that you may require and can be contacted on

Yours sincerely

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**Chief Executive**  
**WorkSafe Victoria**