

SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2014

805. Hon AMBER-JADE SANDERSON to the Minister for Commerce:

My question is on behalf of Hon Kate Doust, who is away on urgent parliamentary business.

I refer to the commonwealth Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014, which was read into the commonwealth Parliament of Australia on the 19 March 2014.

- (1) Has the Western Australian government been briefed or had any discussion with the commonwealth government regarding the impacts of the legislation on Western Australian workers?
- (2) What steps has the Western Australian government taken to advise the commonwealth government of its support or otherwise of the legislation?
- (3) Will the state government take any action to advocate for injured workers and Western Australian-based employers or to protect them from the consequences of this legislation in any way?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question and reply on behalf of the Minister for Commerce.

- (1) WorkCover WA participated in discussions with the commonwealth Department of Employment during the development of the bill.
- (2) The Western Australian government has participated in discussions at a departmental level and the bill was considered by the Select Council on Workplace Relations.
- (3) I am not aware of any consequences that would require action to be taken by the Western Australian government in relation to the bill.