

Our Reference: 00229/18  
Your Reference: A680177

The Hon Adele Farina MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Public Administration  
By email: [lcpac@parliament.wa.gov.au](mailto:lcpac@parliament.wa.gov.au)

Dear The Hon Adele Farina

Thank you for your correspondence about the inquiry into WorkSafe Western Australia (WorkSafe) and your request for information on how SafeWork NSW is funded.

SafeWork NSW would like to provide the following response:

1. *Is SafeWork NSW still funded through workers compensation premiums? If no, how is SafeWork NSW funded now?*

The SafeWork NSW funding model is based on provisions from a number of sources:

- Revenue from fines, prosecutions, investments, grants and contributions
- TestSafe 'user pays' services. TestSafe is a commercial entity and invoices clients for testing services.
- Licensing fees

The remainder of the budget is covered from the Workers Compensation Operational Fund (WCOF) which is funded from workers compensation premiums and covers most of SafeWork's operational budget.

2. *Is SafeWork NSW still combined with WorkCover?*

SafeWork NSW, the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) and icare operate now as independent bodies. WorkCover NSW as an entity no longer exists.

3. *What relationship does SafeWork NSW have with WorkCover?*

See answer to Question 2.

4. *What is the scope of SafeWork NSW's operations?*

SafeWork NSW is the state's independent work health and safety regulator. Positioned within the Better Regulation Division of the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation we engage with the NSW community to implement safe systems of work to prevent work related fatalities, serious injuries and illnesses.

SafeWork NSW offers advice on improving work health and safety, provides licensing and registration for potentially dangerous work, provides safety testing services, investigates workplace compliance and enforces work health and safety laws in NSW.

We are dedicated to exemplar regulatory approaches that enable a competitive, confident and protected NSW. We do this by ensuring our decisions are based on sound evidence, and our services are centred on the needs of our customers, are fair and transparent and secure the trust of the NSW community. We collaborate nationally and with other State and Territory work health and safety regulators to make it easier for people to do business and prevent harm.

If you have any further queries, please contact [redacted], Manager Operational Practice, by phone on [redacted] or by email [redacted].

Yours sincerely

Andrew Gavrielatos  
Executive Director, Specialist Services  
**SafeWork NSW**

Date: 2 May 2018