

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

The Department in its report on the review of the Comcare Scheme recommends the 5% deductions remain in the legislation. Please explain the rationale behind the recommendation to retain the 5% deductions, particularly if not all superannuation funds require a deduction of 5%.

Answer

The rationale behind the Department's recommendation to retain the 5% deductions is to maintain the original intention of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* by ensuring that employees who retire early due to their compensable injuries and are in receipt of employer funded superannuation do not receive a higher rate of take-home pay than injured employees who have not retired.