Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Agency - Safe Work Australia

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Question

SWA - Engagement with other Agencies

Does Safe Work Australia engage with other Commonwealth agencies, particularly the Fair Work Ombudsman and Fair Work Building and Construction in relation to continuing to drive down the rate of workplace injury and death? If so, what is the nature of that engagement and if there is no engagement, is there any intention to do so in the future?

Answer

- Safe Work Australia works collaboratively with a range of Australian Government agencies to reduce the rate of work related death, injury and disease. This collaboration includes specific projects and initiatives in priority areas and industries identified in the *Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy 2012-2022* and Safe Work Australia's Strategic Plan.
- Safe Work Australia also compiles and publishes statistics on work-related injuries, diseases and fatalities in all Australian industries. These data are provided to Australian Government agencies and other interested parties on request.
- There has been no recent engagement with the Fair Work Ombudsman or Fair Work Building and Construction in relation to reducing the rate of work related death, injury and disease. However, Safe Work Australia is prepared to provide any assistance or advice that might be required by the Fair Work Ombudsman or Fair Work Building and Construction.