

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

#### Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000220

Senator Leyonhjelm provided in writing.

#### Question

#### Funding

What funding does the Commonwealth Government provide to Safe Work Australia and to the states and territories with respect to worker health and safety?

#### Answer

The Australian Government provides funding to Safe Work Australia in accordance with the 2008 *Intergovernmental Agreement for Regulatory and Occupational Reform in Occupational Health and Safety*. Under this funding arrangement, the Australian Government funds 50 per cent of the budget of Safe Work Australia. The rest of the funding is provided by state and territory governments.

For the 2015–16 financial year, the Commonwealth will provide \$9.632 million to Safe Work Australia, which excludes an amount of \$0.073 million for the Departmental Capital Budget.

The Australian Government does not provide any funding to the states and territories with respect to worker health and safety.