

## 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. EMSQ15-000221

Senator Leyonhjelm provided in writing.

#### Question

##### Safe Work Australia

What impediments exist to the Commonwealth Government abolishing and/or defunding Safe Work Australia?

#### Answer

Safe Work Australia is established by the *Safe Work Australia Act 2008* (Cth) and is jointly funded by the Australian Government and state and territory governments through the 2008 *Intergovernmental Agreement for Regulatory and Operational Reform in Occupational Health and Safety*.

The Safe Work Australia Act would need to be repealed to abolish Safe Work Australia and the Intergovernmental Agreement with states and territories terminated.

The Government has rejected proposals to date to abolish this agency.