

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Safe Work Australia

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Harmonisation of Occupational Health and Safety laws

Does the Government have any modelling on the impact of harmonised Occupational Health and Safety laws? a. If so, can the modelling be provided to the Committee?
b. If not, why not?

Answer

Safe Work Australia has provided the following response:

As part of developing the model Work Health and Safety laws, Safe Work Australia is required to assess the impact of the laws through a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS).

A Decision RIS has been published for the Model Work Health and Safety Bill and is available on the Safe Work Australia website at www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/AboutSafeWorkAustralia/WhatWeDo/Publications/Pages/PC200912DecisionRegulationImpactstatementForMOHSAct.aspx.

A Consultation RIS was released with the public comment versions of the draft model regulations and codes of practice and is available on the Safe Work Australia website at www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/Legislation/AdministrativeRegulations/Pages/Model%20work%20health%20and%20safety%20Regulations.aspx.

A Decision RIS is currently being developed for the model regulations and codes, taking account of public comment on the draft regulations, codes and on the Consultation RIS.