

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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**Question**

**Safe Work Australia analysis of Comcare scheme**

Senator TILLEM: I am hoping I would not make that proposition. The concern that has been raised is that the workers will be in some instances not as well off under the Comcare scheme. All I am trying to do is get an assessment of where it falls on a national scale. Ms Parker: Senator, we can provide you with the Safe Work Australia analysis. That might give you some guidance.

**Answer**

Due to the differences between the Comcare Scheme and state and territory workers' compensation schemes, it is not possible to provide an accurate comparison. Schemes all differ in key aspects such as coverage, benefits, return to work provisions, self-insurance, dispute resolution and cross-border arrangements. Claims assessments are undertaken on a case by case basis.

*The Comparison of Workers' Compensation Arrangements in Australia and New Zealand 2013*, published by Safe Work Australia, provides information on the operation of workers' compensation schemes in each of the jurisdictions in Australia and New Zealand and outlines the similarities and differences in the schemes.

The document can be found at the following website:

[www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/comparison2013](http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/comparison2013)