

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.6: Office of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council

Question Number: W1210-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Seacare What are the reasons for former Minister Andrews' decision to issue a direction to the Seacare Authority requiring it to amend its Seafarers Act Exemption Guidelines so that if workers' compensation insurance is available to an employer at a cost lower than that available under the Seacare scheme, then this must be a prima facie factor in the Seacare Authority determining an application for exemption?

Answer:

This is a matter of Government policy.

Estimated cost: Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 4 hours and 15 minutes at an estimated cost of \$80 to prepare this answer.