

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Agency - Comcare

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Senator Bilyk asked on 30/05/2011, Hansard page 93.

Question

Rate Of Compensation

Senator BILYK: If a client undertakes a rehab program, does the rate of compensation change? Mr O'Connor: I am not sure about that. I will take that on notice and get you the precise advice as to how federal law works

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response.

A client's undertaking of a rehabilitation program may affect their rate of compensation. The goal of a rehabilitation program is usually to return the injured worker to their pre-injury status. As the injured worker gradually increases their hours of employment, their incapacity entitlements may increase incrementally as provided in the formula in section 19 (3) of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*.