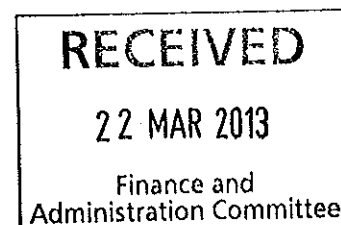


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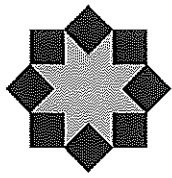
Dear Mr Crandon,

RE: Inquiry into the operation of Queensland's workers' compensation scheme

The Australian Rehabilitation Providers Association (ARPA) is the industry body which represents all providers of Occupational Rehabilitation across Australia. Please find below the Australian Rehabilitation Providers' Association (ARPA) of Queensland's response to the Workers' Compensation Regulation Authority (Q-COMP) proposal aimed at reducing red-tape.

ARPA Queensland would be in support of changes to the Queensland Workers' Compensation Scheme proposed by Q-COMP, not requiring Queensland employers to lodge claims unless 50% of the QOTE value is reached in payment of wages or medical expenses (unless the claim was in dispute).

ARPA Queensland believes the proposed change would be of significant benefit to injured workers and the return to work outcomes, as it would encourage early intervention practices by employers. As outlined in ARPA Queensland's initial submission to the Finance and Administration Committee submitted in August 2012, early intervention is known to result in reduced costs, improved staff morale and reduction in claims instances when the employer is proactive and focused on resolving issues soon after the injury/illness has been reported.



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We welcome the opportunity to provide further input into the scheme review as required.

Yours sincerely,

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