

Question on Notice

No. 1437

Asked on Wednesday, 7 October 2009

Mr Elmes asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations -

QUESTION:

With reference to portable long service leave for the contract cleaning industry—

- (1) Are all employers in the contract cleaning industry registered with the authority and contributing to this scheme under the provisions of the Act?
- (2) How much has been paid into and out of the scheme as at the last quarter to registered employees?

ANSWER:

- (1) All employers required to register with the scheme are either registered, or are the subject of compliance activities. The authority has a comprehensive compliance strategy which is undertaken to ensure that all eligible employers are registered and contributing fairly to the scheme.
- (2) Since the inception of the scheme on 1 July 2005, up to 30 September 2009 a total of \$17,225,987 has been received in levy revenue. The total amount of portable long service leave claims paid from 1 July 2005 to 30 September 2009 is \$304,484 for workers, and \$290,009 for employer reimbursements. As the scheme is still effectively in its infancy, the number and value of claims will be relatively low until the scheme reaches maturity, at which time the number of claims is expected to increase significantly as more workers become eligible for portable long service leave benefits.