

Question on Notice

No. 444

Asked on Thursday, 6 June 2013

MRS CUNNINGHAM asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (MR BLEIJIE)–

QUESTION:

With reference to payments to the Department of Justice and Attorney-General from WorkCover Queensland and the Workers' Compensation Regulatory Authority (reported separately) what payments were made in 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gladstone for her question.

Since 1989, the department of the Minister responsible for work health and safety has received a payment from the body responsible for workers' compensation to assist in the delivery of injury prevention programs. The payment is a core portion of Workplace Health and Safety Queensland's budget and affects its ability to deliver key programs.

The payment is made by way of an annual payment by WorkCover Queensland and Q-COMP (on behalf of self-insured employers) to the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (the Department). Funding is factored into the Department's annual budget estimate. WorkCover and Q-COMP factor the payment into their yearly estimates of expenditure.

Approximately 89% of the grant is paid by WorkCover and the other 11% is paid by Q-COMP, using amounts collected from self-insurers.

Since 2011-12, WorkCover and Q-COMP make their payments separately for greater transparency. Prior to 2011-12, WorkCover paid its share to Q-COMP which then made a combined payment to the Department.

WorkCover/Q-COMP payment to the Department for injury prevention programs

Year	Grant Amount (excl. GST) \$	Paid by
2008-09	37,568,120	Q-COMP
2009-10	41,137,091	Q-COMP
2010-11	43,193,900	Q-COMP
2011-12	5,107,034 41,110,466	Q-COMP WorkCover
2012-13	5,285,780 42,549,333	Q-COMP WorkCover

Sections 457 and 481 of the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003* (the Act) provide the legislative basis for the payment by WorkCover. Section 479 of the Act provides the legislative basis for the payment by Q-COMP.