

Question on Notice

No. 938

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MR J BLEIJIE ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister explain how the operating budget of the Workers' Compensation Regulator is arrived at and how the cost is apportioned between WorkCover and self-insurers?

ANSWER:

The annual contribution by workers' compensation insurers to administer the functions of the Workers' Compensation Regulator is based on its estimated operating costs. These operating costs relate to the Workers' Compensation Regulator's functions including administering the dispute resolution (review and appeals) function, medical assessment tribunals, monitoring and enforcing insurer compliance and performance, education services, and associated scheme administration, including scheme policy and data services. Each year's budget involves consideration of the previous year's expenses and a growth factor consistent with CPI.

The annual contribution is apportioned between WorkCover Queensland and self-insurers. WorkCover Queensland pays an annual contribution based on the proportion of the scheme it covers. Self-insurers' contributions are based on their proportion and are paid via an annual levy that is calculated using a method prescribed in the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Regulation 2014*. The amount an individual self-insurer pays is based on their own estimated claims liability.