



**Response to Education, Tourism, Innovation and Small Business Committee's
Report No. 17 – Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (National Injury
Insurance Scheme) Amendment Bill 2016**

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that Queensland Treasury consult with affected stakeholders, in particular, insurers, employers, unions and disability service providers and representative groups, on the drafting of the regulations to prescribe the assessment criteria for re-entry into the National Injury Insurance Scheme for workplace accidents after an injured person has common law damages.

Response

The Government supports the recommendation. The development of re-entry criteria to be included in the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Regulations 2014* will occur in consultation with the NIS (Qld) Agency to ensure consistency across the workplace accidents and motor vehicles accident schemes, as well as with key stakeholders.

Recommendation 2

The committee recommends that a parliamentary portfolio committee be given ongoing oversight responsibility for the National Injury Insurance Scheme for workplace accidents, including to review and report to Parliament on the scheme's operations on an annual basis for the first five years after the scheme is established.

Response

The Government supports this recommendation. To ensure consistency across all National Injury Insurance Schemes it is proposed that the annual review and report on the National Injury Insurance Scheme for workplace accidents be undertaken at the same time and by the same committee that is referred to by the Treasurer under section 138 *National Injury Insurance Scheme (Queensland) Act 2016* in respect of motor vehicle accidents.

Recommendation 3

The committee recommends that Queensland Treasury and WorkCover Queensland work with representatives of principal contractors and host employers to resolve issues arising from the exclusion of those entities from the WorkCover scheme and extend it to give principal contractors and host employers the option of participating in the scheme, taking out a private insurance policy or both.

Response

The Government supports the further investigation of options for third party liability indemnity. There will be broad consultation with relevant stakeholders during the investigation of options for third party contributor indemnity for common law damages claims.