1. The Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation Amendment Regulation 2015 (the amendment regulation) prescribes regulation to support the operation of section 193A of the *Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003* (the Act).
2. Key changes being given effect by the amendment regulation include:
* Prescribing conditions for entitlement, the amount of compensation payable and the administrative process for determining a worker’s entitlement to additional lump sum compensation under section 193A; and
* Providing for the establishment of a review panel to review a decision of an insurer about whether a worker is entitled to additional lump sum compensation under section 193A.
1. The amendment regulation also includes consequential amendments to align with recent changes to the Act. It also inserts a new section to support section 132B of the Act that provides application requirements for a dependant of a deceased worker to apply for a certificate of dependency to entitle then to commence a common law damages claim.
2. On September 2015, the Finance and Administration Committee tabled its report on the Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015. The Committee made six recommendations relating to the deemed disease provisions for firefighters, of which four are fully supported and two supported in part.
3. Cabinet endorsed that the Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation Amendment Regulation 2015 be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
4. Cabinet approved the Government response to the Finance and Administration Committee’s Report No. 8 – Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015.
5. *Attachments*
* [Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation Amendment Regulation 2015](Attachments/Regulation.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes for Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation Amendment Regulation 2015](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Finance and Administration Committee’s Report No. 8 – Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Government response to the Finance and Administration Committee’s Report No. 8 - Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Response.PDF)