

Workers' Compensation – Review of Legislation

Ms HADDAD question to MINISTER for JUSTICE, CORRECTIONS and REHABILITATION

My question is from Sam of Mount Stuart. Sam has made a worker's compensation claim for psychological harm that he suffered from an accident at work. Sam heard the Treasurer's Budget speech where he said that psychological injury claims were contributing disproportionately to workers compensation liabilities. The Treasurer said that 'legislative review is clearly needed'. Sam is concerned that the government intends to reduce the benefits, protections or other entitlements available to injured workers in order to cut costs. Can the Treasurer explain to Sam precisely what changes the government is considering through its proposed legislative review of workers compensation, whether this review has already started and how Sam can contribute? And can he guarantee that Sam's workers compensation entitlements and those of other Tasmanians injured at work will not be reduced?