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**COMCARE PREMIUM REDUCTIONS: WELCOME NEWS FOR ORGANISATIONS**

Premiums for organisations covered under the Comcare scheme will drop by an average of 12 per cent in 2008-09.

The Commonwealth rate for 2008-09 has now been set at 1.36%, a 12% reduction on last year's rate of 1.55%. This result arises primarily from a decrease in claims frequency, reflecting a reduction in the level of workplace injury.

“This positive result follows reductions in premium rates last year. Further improvement in health and safety outcomes, injury prevention and minimising lost time due to injury will be priority areas for the scheme in 2008-09”, said Mr Martin Dolan, CEO of Comcare.

Under Comcare's premium scheme employers are financially accountable for the cost of work related injury and disease through the payment of an annual premium. This significant decrease is sure to be good news for government agencies looking for budget efficiencies, and rewards their attention to workplace safety.

When standardised and compared to premium performance across jurisdictions in Australia and New Zealand, the Commonwealth's premium result continues to be the second lowest.

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