



Claims Support and Policy
SRC Act Determining Authorities

Jurisdictional Policy Advice No. 2006/10
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988
AWOTEFA update under sub-section 19(5) – effective 16 November 2006

Background

1. Sub-section 19(5) of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* (SRC Act) provides for a ceiling on weekly incapacity payments after the first 45 weeks.
2. This ceiling is 150% of the Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings for Full Time Adults (AWOTEFA).
3. Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, August Quarter 2006 was published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on 16 November 2006.

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4. Average Weekly Earnings, Full-time adult ordinary time earnings, Private and Public Sectors, Trend estimates is \$1051.30.
5. The relevant figure for the purposes of calculation of entitlements under sub-section 19(5) of the SRC Act is \$1576.95.
6. The date of effect for this increase is 16 November 2006.
7. The next increase is expected to be released on 22 February 2007.
8. Any issues relevant to this policy advice may be discussed with Kate Horgan on (02) 6275 0608 or kate.horgan@comcare.gov.au.

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