



Jurisdictional Policy Advice No. 2007/16

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988

AWOTEFA update under sub-section 19(5) – effective 15 November 2007

Background

1. Sub-section 19(5) of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* (SRC Act) provides for a ceiling on weekly incapacity payments determined under subsection 19(3) (normally after the first 45 weeks of incapacity) of 150% of the ***Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings for Full Time Adults*** (AWOTEFA), as published by the Australian Statistician.
2. The latest AWOTEFA figure (August Quarter 2007) was published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on 15 November 2007 at an amount of \$1,103.60.

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3. The relevant figure for the purposes of calculation of entitlements under sub-section 19(5) of the SRC Act is **\$1,655.40** being 150% of AWOTEFA.
4. The date of effect for this increase is 15 November 2007.
5. The next figure is expected to be released on 21 February 2008.
6. For enquiries concerning this policy advice, please contact the SRC Act Policy Section by telephone on 1300 366 979.

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