



Jurisdictional Policy Advice No. 2007/02
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988
Indexation of Normal Weekly Earnings under sub-section 8(9B)

Background

1. Sub-section 8(9B) of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* provides for an increase in normal weekly earnings (NWE) for ex-employees by reference to a prescribed index for the year ending 31 December preceding the indexation date.
2. The indexation date prescribed in sub-section 8(9C) is 1 July.
3. Regulation 5 of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Regulations 2002* prescribes the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Wage Cost Index (total hourly rates of pay – excluding bonuses/Australia/all industries/all occupations) for the purpose of sub-section 8(9B). This particular statistic is now published as the Wage Price Index, and was issued on 21 February 2007.

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4. The Wage Price Index for the year ending 31 December 2006 is 4.0%. Determining authorities should increase NWE for employees covered by this provision by this percentage with effect from 1 July 2007.
5. Any issues relevant to this policy advice may be discussed with SRC Policy on 1300 366 979 or email SRC.Policy@comcare.gov.au.

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