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Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988
AWOTEFA update under sub-section 19(5) – effective 14 August 2008

Background

1. Sub-section 19(5) of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* (SRC Act) sets a ceiling on weekly incapacity payments determined under subsection 19(3) (after the first 45 weeks of incapacity). That ceiling is set at 150% of the **Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings for Full time Adults** (AWOTEFA) as published by the Australian Statistician of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
2. The AWOTEFA figure for the May Quarter 2008 was published on 14 August 2008 at an amount of \$1,132.20.

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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 **\$1,698.30** being 150% of AWOTEFA.
4. The date of effect for this increase is 14 August 2008.
5. The next figure is expected to be released on 13 November 2008.
6. For enquiries concerning this policy advice, please contact the SRC Policy Section by telephone on 1300 366 979, or by email at SRC.Policy@comcare.gov.au.

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