



Referral of the Workplace Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 2) and the Workplace Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 3)

Statement pursuant to Standing Order 246A

Madam/Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 246A, I wish to make a statement on behalf of the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation relating to the Workplace Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 2) and Workplace Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 3), which were both referred to the Committee for consideration after presentation.

The Committee was inclined to inquire into the first of the two bills. This Bill would allow the Executive to extend eligibility for the Default Insurance Scheme to certain privately employed workers. The Committee is concerned about the lack of transparency of this legislative amendment, as well as the fact that this determination would be made by notifiable instrument, not disallowable instrument. The Committee also notes the comments from the Scrutiny Committee on the human rights implications of the Bill.

However, as the Assembly has resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the Bill to be debated on during this sitting week, the Committee did not have enough time to conduct an inquiry into the first Bill. Nonetheless, the Committee wishes to bring these issues to the attention of the Assembly, and may wish to conduct a post-implementation inquiry into the issues at a future date.

The Committee will not be inquiring into either bill.