



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Attorney-General

Reference: Insurance Policy

Hearing: 22/07/2026

In relation to: Progress on Recommendations

Question received: 28/07/2026

Answer Due: 06/08/2026

Can you please provide an update on government progress against the following recommendations from the recent Assembly Committee inquiry into insurance costs in the ACT?

Recommendation 1: The Committee recommends that the ACT Government determine whether introducing caps on personal injury claims is likely to reduce premiums and if so, develop legislation to introduce such caps.

Recommendation 3: The Committee recommends the ACT Government determine whether a statutory cap on legal fees is likely to reduce insurance premiums in the ACT. If yes, the Committee recommends the ACT Government develop legislation to introduce such a cap.

Recommendation 7: The Committee recommends that the ACT Government consider amending the Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002 to allow proportional liability to be applied to both personal injury claims and claims made under the Workers Compensation Act 1951.

Recommendation 8: The Committee recommends that the ACT Government consult with relevant stakeholders to develop legislative reform that addresses contributory negligence in insurance claims.

Recommendation 11: The Committee recommends that the ACT Government give consideration to aligning the ACT workers' compensation scheme in relation to journey claims with those in other jurisdictions. This should include a requirement that there must be a real and substantial connection between employment and the accident in which the injury arose, and that the incident is not otherwise covered by the Motor Accident Insurance Scheme.

Recommendation 12: The Committee recommends that the ACT Government consider subsidising the workers' compensation premiums for insurance policies that

cover apprentices.

Recommendation 13: The Committee recommends that the ACT Government consider introducing alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to help resolve workers' compensation claims.

Recommendation 15: The Committee recommends that the ACT Government examine models to facilitate insurance pooling for like organisations.

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Of the 21 recommendations made by the ACT Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation (the Committee) in its *Inquiry into insurance costs in the ACT* report, eight of those recommendations included the review and consideration of legislative reforms.

The ACT Government's response to these recommendations has been to agree in-principle to consider and explore the impacts of the proposed areas of change.

Noting the complexity of areas proposed for reform by the Committee, the Work Safety Group in the Chief Ministers, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate has commenced preliminary work within existing resources on the eight recommendations (1, 3, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 and 15) made by the Committee. This work is focussed on the ACT's private sector workers compensation scheme.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature:



By the Attorney-General, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA

Date:

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