

**RESPONSE TO FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
REPORT No. 5**

Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

Standing Order 132 states that a portfolio committee report on a bill is to indicate the Committee's determinations on:

- Whether to recommend that the Bill be passed
- Any recommended amendments
- The application of fundamental legislative principles and compliance with the requirements for explanatory notes.

The Finance and Administration Committee (the Committee) could not reach an agreement on whether or not to recommend the Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (the Bill) be passed. Government Members of the Committee supported the Bill being passed, while non-government Members considered that significant amendments would be required before they could support the Bill. The Committee did however make the following recommendation:

Rec	Committee Recommendation	Government Response
1.	That the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) work to improve ease of access and reporting systems for employers, including self-insured employers, and develop education and communication strategies to ensure employers are both aware of the requirements and the reasons for them.	<p>The Government supports this recommendation and has already commenced work to streamline the notification process for self-insurers, make electronic reporting systems more user-friendly; and will conduct further education and awareness programs to promote the use of the One Stop Shop website for employers.</p> <p>Note: From 1 July 2015 Ministerial responsibilities relating to work health and safety transferred from DJAG to Queensland Treasury.</p>