

# The Barnett Government - Report on Work Health and Safety

## Work fatalities

Fatality rate (deaths per 100,000 workers), Australia and WA, 2010 - 2015



Source: Work-related traumatic injury fatalities, Australia 2015 Safe Work Australia (October 2016) Table 16

## Work fatality compensation

	Max. lump sum payment	Max \$ pw for each dependent
		child
WA	\$283,418	\$54.20
NSW	\$504,350	\$128.20
Vic.	\$555,350	\$2,050*
Qld.	\$554,750	\$137.05

<sup>\*\$2,050</sup> max. for partner and children.

Source: <u>Comparative Performance Monitoring Report: Comparison of work health and safety and workers'</u> <u>compensation schemes in Australia and New Zealand</u> Safe Work Australia (October 2015) See in particular: Appendix 2, Table 3

## Workplace inspections and inspectors

	2009-10	2013-14	% change
No of proactive OH & S workplace visits			
WA	7,045	5,662	-19.6%
Aust	81,516	89,367	+9.6%
No active field inspectors per 10,000 employees			
WA	1.0	0.9	-10%
Aust	1.1	1.0	-9.1%

Note: In the 2015/16 Budget, the Barnett Government cut funding for 10 of 103 Worksafe inspectors. These reductions are not captures in these figures. *For further details see here*.

Source: <u>Comparative Performance Monitoring Report: Comparison of work health and safety and workers'</u> <u>compensation schemes in Australia and New Zealand</u> Safe Work Australia (October 2015) See in particular: Indicator 13

#### Penalties for offenders

Maximum penalties for corporate OH & S offenders

	Max. fines	Max term of imprisonment
WA	\$625,000	2 years
NSW, Vic. & Qld	\$3mil	5 years

Sources: WA penalties, NSW penalties, Vic penalties, Old penalties

### **Economic costs**

#### Cost of injuries to employers, Australia and WA 2008-09 and 2012-13 (\$Mil)

Costs to employers	2008-09	2012-13	% change
WA	310	350	+12.9%
Australia	3,210	2,670	-16.8%

#### Cost of injuries to working people, Australia and WA 2008-09 and 2012-13 (\$Mil)

Costs to working people	2008-09	2012-13	% change
WA	3,720	5,940	+59.7%
Australia	43,860	45,730	+4.3%

**Sources:** *The Cost of Work-related Injury and Illness for Australian Employers, Workers and the Community: 2008–09,* Safe Work Australia (March 2012). Appendix 2: Economic Costs by Jurisdiction.

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