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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Amendments to the Workers Compensation Act 1951

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1. Name of Act

This is a formal provision setting out the name of the Act.

2. Commencement

This is a formal provision specifying when the Act commences operation. The Act will commence on the day after it is notified in accordance with the *Legislation Act 2001*.

3. Legislation amended

This is a formal provision specifying the name of the Act that is amended. The note to this clause indicates that the Act also amends the *Workers Compensation Supplementation Fund Act 1980*.

4. Application of ch 15 to insurers Section 224(1)(b)

Temporary provisions in Chapter 15 of the *Workers Compensation Act 1951* apply where acts of terrorism happen before 1 April 2006. Clause 4 of the Act will substitute a new date into paragraph 224(1)(b) to extend the application of the temporary provisions in Chapter 15 to acts of terrorism that happen before 1 April 2009.

5. Entitlement of insurers to reimbursement from temporary fund Section 228(2)(a)

Clause 5 will substitute a new date into paragraph 228(2)(a) of the *Workers Compensation Act 1951*, to ensure that insurers are able to make a claim from the temporary fund established under Chapter 15 of the Act if an act of terrorism occurs before 1 April 2009.

6. Expiry of ch 15 Section 232

This clause omits the existing expiry date in section 232 and substitutes it with a new expiry date of 1 October 2009.

7. Workers Compensation Supplementation Fund Act 1980, section 7(3)

This clause omits the existing expiry date in subsection 7(3) and substitutes it with a new expiry date of 1 October 2009.

This is a consequential amendment relating to changes to the *Workers Compensation Act 1951* made by the *Workers Compensation Amendment Act 2005*.