

Review of Act

The *WCIMA23* provides for a mandatory five yearly review of the new Act.

Key Points

Act ref: s.541

- The *WCIMA23* requires the Minister to review the operation and effectiveness of the Act and prepare a report based on the review:
 - as soon as practicable after the 5th anniversary of the day on which section 541 (of the *WCIMA23*) comes into operation; and
 - after that, at intervals of not more than 5 years.
- The 5 yearly review and provisions for tabling the report in Parliament are requirements for new statutes and consistent with drafting standards.

Questions & Answers

Q. Will the clause requiring a review of the Act replace the review clauses introduced in 2013 (rebuttable presumption for firefighters who suffer cancer) and 2020 (as part of parliamentary consideration of the *Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020*?

A. Yes. The 1981 Act will be repealed along with the 2013 and 2020 review clauses. The review clause in the *WCIMA23* will be the only review clause and will apply to the operation and effectiveness of the whole Act.

