

ITF (Industry Task Force) Association

Effecting positive change in Workers' Compensation through the views of Alberta employers

April 3, 2017

Ms. Mia Norrie
Chair, WCB Review Panel
c/o Service Alberta Mailroom
11th Floor Commerce Place
10155-102 Street
Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4

Dear Ms. Norrie:

I am writing on behalf of the ITF (Industry Task Force) Association regarding "ownership" of surplus WCB funds resulting from premiums collected from employers.

Our membership noted with interest the recent announcement from WorkSafe BC (see copy attached). The BC government publicly acknowledges that employers fund the workers' compensation system and is taking steps to amend legislation to require that surplus funds be returned to employers when a threshold level of assets over liabilities is reached. The view of the BC government is that money paid to WCB Boards through premiums as well as the additional income earned through investment of the premiums collected from employers is "employer money."

Although WCB Alberta has some provisions in policy, we do not have a similar requirement enshrined in legislation. The Review Panel has consistently indicated you will look to other jurisdictions regarding legislation, policy and best practice. We are bringing this news release to your attention and requesting that your report include a recommendation that Alberta clarify in legislation that WCB premium monies are "employer money" and also enshrine the requirement that surplus funds be returned to employers when the funding level is exceeded.

As noted by Ms. Bond, returning surplus funds to employers will help to drive growth and job creation. As has been communicated in several submissions, this view is shared by the ITF Association and other stakeholders.

As a major stakeholder we continue to look forward to opportunities for constructive discussions and continued participation in this review. Please direct correspondence to PO Box 31074 Namao Center, Edmonton, Alberta T5Z 3P3 or via email to administrator@itfassociation.ca.

Yours truly,



Darren Ferleyko
President, ITF Association

Attachments (2)

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