



Summary of meeting – 24 March 2010

Heads of Workplace Safety Authorities meet in Adelaide

21 April 2010

The Heads of Workplace Safety Authorities (HWSA) met in Adelaide on 24 March 2010 to discuss the progress of a range of initiatives to facilitate occupational health and safety management across Australian and New Zealand workplaces. Below is a summary of the key issues discussed at the meeting.

A considerable amount of work is being undertaken by the OHS Regulators in Harmony Group to support jurisdictions and inspectors prepare for the implementation of the new work health and safety legislation. Further information regarding the work being undertaken by this group will be available on the HWSA website shortly.

The HWSA National Workplace Inspectorate Training and Development Reference Group are working towards developing a training and development framework. The framework will incorporate the development and delivery of training and assessment for inspectors to support the national work health and safety legislation.

HWSA members noted that the OHS Inspectors Forum is to be held in Queensland on 15-16 September 2010. The forum is used as a networking opportunity for operational staff to gain insight into initiatives in other jurisdictions and share solutions to commonly encountered challenges.

Members also considered possible IT solutions to support consistency in inspector's and regulators application and enforcement of the new national work health and safety legislation were also considered.

Members endorsed the establishment of a National Long Haul Trucking Network. The focus of the network will be at an operational level and will aid in addressing fatigue management in the long haul trucking industry, assist in the development of national strategies and share information.

A detailed discussion regarding the strategies being undertaken by jurisdictions to address safety concerns surrounding the installation of insulation was also held.

It is anticipated that the next HWSA meeting will be held on 25 June 2010.