

2021 State Election Commitments

The **WCIMA23** includes provisions for implementing the State Government's 2021 election commitments relating to workers compensation announced by the Premier in March 2021

Key Points

Act ref: ss. 55, 69, 171

In the lead up to the 2021 State election the McGowan Government reiterated its commitment to introduce a Bill to modernise workers compensation laws following public consultation, and announced some additional election commitments for inclusion in the Bill (now the **WCIMA23**):

- an increase in the point at which income compensation payments step down from 13 to 26 weeks – see *Information Sheet 13*.
- an increase in the cap on medical and health expenses compensation from 30% to 60% of the general maximum amount (known as the prescribed amount in the 1981 Act) – see *Information Sheet 15*.
- a prohibition on employers attending medical appointments of injured workers – see *Information Sheet 28*.

Questions & Answers

Q. What is the estimated cost of the 2021 election commitments to increase the medical and health expenses compensation cap and extend the income compensation step down period?

A. An estimated 0.92% increase in the average premium rate would result from increasing the point at which income compensation payments step down from 13 to 26 weeks. An estimated increase of 0.91% in the average premium rate would result from increasing the capped amount for medical and health expenses compensation from 30% to 60% of the general maximum amount.

