

In August this year, Return to Work SA issued their premium adjustment notices for the 2014/15 financial year. These are the final adjustment notices to be issued under the now replaced premium system, which was highly complicated and prone to error. Fair Work Lawyers strongly recommend that clients who have concerns contact us to review these documents.

What issues were there with the former premium system?

The former premium system included pages of variables, transitional caps and claims estimates that made deciphering, let alone understanding, premiums a difficult task. The result of this is that some clients have been overcharged significant sums, including a several clients who have recovered amounts well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

What are the “red flags”?

There are a number of matters that give rise to an increased probability that levies will be higher than they should be. In our experience, the three main areas where this occurs are:

- If you have any reason to believe that a worker had previously suffered an injury that contributed to their current injury, or otherwise had an underlying weakness that contributed to their injury.
- If the number in the “claims estimate” column of your claims summary is significantly greater than the “actual costs” provided.
- If you had (or currently have) any dispute before the workers compensation tribunal.

Note: this is not an exhaustive list, and if there has been a large jump in your premiums, you should seek advice.

Timeline to dispute

Employers generally only have 2 months from the date they receive their adjustment notice to lodge a levy review application. This time has nearly elapsed so if you have concerns you should act quickly.

Need more information

If you have would like further information about your levies, please contact the team at Fair Work Lawyers.



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