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WORKCOVER CORPORATION

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (15:18): I have a supplementary question. Will the minister provide information on the return-to-work initiatives that WorkCover has implemented, given that in the inquiry it admitted that it fell far short of the mark as far as those initiatives went; and what improvements have been made in that area?

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY (Minister for Mineral Resources Development, Minister for Urban Development and Planning, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister Assisting the Premier in Public Sector Management) (15:18): Presenting the awards at last night's function was, in itself, a recognition of the importance of a return to work. There is no doubt that recognising the importance of returning to work is something that is now becoming totally embedded within the WorkCover culture—as it should be. I am probably not in the best position, given the short length of time that I have been minister, to give some relativity in comparing it to what happened in the past, because I am less aware of that. However, I am happy to get a comprehensive list of those measures for the honourable member.