**Key findings**

**Premium rates**

The standardised average premium rate has decreased by 13% since 2012-13.

- **Highest rate** 3.3% of payroll (agriculture, forestry & fishing)
- **Lowest rate** 0.2% of payroll (finance & insurance)
- **Highest rate** 1.93% (SA)
- **Lowest rate** 1.03% (COMCARE)

**Scheme performance**

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**Highest funding ratios**

- QLD 201%
- TAS 141%

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Workers' compensation disputation

The disputation rate has decreased 19% in Australia since 2012-13

5% of disputes were resolved within three months

The Australian disputation rate

82% of injured workers in Australia returned to work

80% of injured workers in New Zealand returned to work

ACT had the highest return to work rate: 86%

Seacare had the lowest return to work rate: 68%

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