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Ontario Government Announces Review of Workplace Safety and Insurance Board

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On May 23, 2019, the Government of Ontario announced the appointment of two special advisors to conduct a review of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (“WSIB”). The WSIB is an independent agency that administers compensation and no-fault insurance for Ontario workplaces. The review will assess the WSIB’s operation in three key areas:

1. **Financial Oversight.** Sustainability of the WSIB insurance fund and controls over it.
2. **Administration.** Effectiveness of the current WSIB governance and executive management structure.
3. **Efficiency.** The cost-efficiency and effectiveness of operations, including comparisons to competing jurisdictions and private sector insurers.

The two appointed advisors, Linda Regner Dykeman and Sean Speer, will commence the review immediately and issue recommendations to the government by the end of 2019.

The review is welcome news to Ontario employers covered by the WSIB and that have long considered the WSIB’s processes to be less than efficient and effective. We will keep our readers apprised as the review process unfolds.

To learn more and for assistance with all matters related to workplace safety and insurance, contact the experts at Sherrard Kuzz LLP.

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