## **ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019**

#### **SAMOA**

### **Explanatory Memorandum**

#### 1.0 Object and reasons:

- 1.1 The Bill seeks to amend the Accident Compensation Act 1989.
- 1.2 The objects of the Bill are:
  - (a) to amend the Accident Compensation Act 1989 ("the Principal Act");
  - (b) to seek Cabinet approval if the amount to be paid by the Corporation for treatment overseas (in special cases) exceeds \$150,000.

#### **Clauses**:

<u>Clause 1</u>: - provides for the short title and commencement. The Act commences on the date of assent.

Clause 2:

- amends section 33 of the Principal Act by inserting a new subsection (1A) to provide for the amount to be paid by the Corporation for treatment overseas (in special cases) must be \$150,000 or less and if the amount exceeds \$150,000 then Cabinet approval must be sought.

(Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Joseph Purcell)

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION CORPORATION

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## **Arrangement of Provisions**

- 1. Short title and commencement
- 2. Section 33 amended

#### 2019, No.

#### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Accident Compensation Act 1989 ("Principal Act") and for related purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:

#### 1. Short title and commencement:

(1) This Act may be cited as the Accident Compensation Amendment Act 2019.

(2) This Act commences on the date of assent.

#### 2. Section 33 amended:

Section 33 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

- (a) in subsection (1) omit ":PROVIDED THAT in no case shall the amount paid or contributed by the Corporation exceed \$150,000";
- (b) after subsection (1) insert:
  - "(1A) Subject to subsection (1) the amount to be paid or contributed by the Corporation must be \$150,000 or less, and if the amount exceeds \$150,000, Cabinet approval must be sought.".

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