





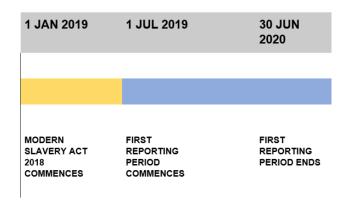
# Modern Slavery Act Annual Statement 2020 - TUH











The Act defines modern slavery as including eight types of serious exploitation: trafficking in persons; slavery; servitude; forced marriage; forced labour; debt bondage; deceptive recruiting for labour or services; and the worst forms of child labour. The worst forms of child labour means situations where children are subjected to slavery or similar practices, or engaged in hazardous work.

#### **Our Business**

This statement is submitted on behalf of the reporting entity **Queensland Teachers' Union Health Fund Limited (TUH)** ACN 085 150 376, registered office Fortitude Valley, Queensland and all entities within the TUH group.

TUH is a not for profit entity operating a Private Health Insurance benefit fund under the provisions of the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*. TUH provides private health insurance under the brands 'TUH' and 'Union Health'.

TUH was founded in 1972 as the Queensland Teachers' Union Health Society.

TUH also provides health related services at the Health Hub in Fortitude Valley, QLD, including dental and optical dispensary. Affiliated services offered at the Health Hub include optical screening and testing, physiotherapy, remedial massage, podiatry and audiology.

A wholly owned subsidiary entity, TUH Health Care Services Pty Ltd, provides care coordination services for individuals suffering from chronic disease.

As an entity with consolidated revenue in excess of \$100m TUH is required to submit a modern slavery statement for the first time in 2020 and annually thereafter.







## Structure

The TUH group includes two wholly owned subsidiary entities:

- Union Health Pty Ltd (non-operating); and
- TUH Health Care Services Pty Ltd.

TUH directly employs all workers within the TUH group, including those that support our wholly owned subsidiary entities. The process of identification and management of modern slavery risks is centralised and consistent across all entities within the TUH group. This Modern Slavery Statement is submitted on behalf of the TUH group and authorised by the respective Board of each group entity.

TUH employs approximately 173 people, providing services to approximately 78,000 insured individuals across Australia. Our largest membership base is in our home-state of Queensland.

## Operations

Activities undertaken by TUH to pursue our business objectives and strategy include:

- Direct employment of workers;
- Provision of private health insurance services (marketing, sales, membership administration, claims administration, contact centre, product design and pricing);
- Associated support services within our business, delivered to internal 'customers' such as claims auditing, finance support, information technology, human resources, risk and compliance, and facilities maintenance;
- Direct health care services care coordination, dental and optical dispensary services;
- Property leasing (as an owner of leased commercial premises); and
- Sponsorship activities.

## **Supply Chains**

The products and services that contribute directly to TUH's operations include:

### Services

- Mail house and postage
- Banking
- Data processing
- Professional services such as legal and taxation advice, actuarial services and internal and external audit
- Recruitment
- Health insurance sales brokerage
- Training and development
- Accreditation
- Archiving and off-site back-up / disaster recovery







- Marketing creative
- Website development
- Data analytics
- Hardware maintenance
- Consultancy services
- Software, including development and support
- Provider contracting allied health / hospital / medical

#### **Products**

- Utilities power, water, telecommunications
- Office supplies and consumables stationery, cleaning supplies etc
- Office fit-out furniture, kitchen appliances, air conditioners etc
- Technology PCs, laptops, phones, printers etc
- Promotional / marketing collateral

- Financial investment via funds management
- Insurance brokerage and underwriting
- Employee assistance program
- Industry representation and advocacy
- Office and grounds cleaning and maintenance
- Architecture and office fit-out
- Waste disposal
- Office security
- Uniforms
- Membership cards
- Catering
- Gift cards
- Fleet (vehicle) provision
- Medical disposables and consumables
- Medical equipment
- Dental and Optical retail products
- Subscriptions

TUH has a mix of stable longer-term relationships and short-term fee for service engagements with our suppliers.

The vast majority of our services suppliers and direct product distributors are based in Australia.

Product country of origin and secondary suppliers (providing goods/services to entities we directly contract with) is varied and in most cases, not immediately transparent. TUH recognises this as our most significant exposure point to modern slavery risks.

## Modern Slavery Risks

TUH considers that there is a very low risk that our operations may directly result in modern slavery practices – this assessment is based on the nature of the service that we provide and the governance frameworks we have in place, for example, TUH operates under an approved enterprise agreement, has well defined values and codes of conduct, and maintains a strong grievance / whistleblowing procedure.

TUH have assessed the risks that our operations or actions in our supply chains may contribute to modern slavery. This is also considered to be a low risk. TUH has strong procurement practices that take into account a range of factors in assessing prospective suppliers. Request for tender assessment mechanisms







are not driven solely by cost minimisation but also take into account factors such as competency and experience, reputation, strategic alignment and whether any conflict of interest may arise.

TUH considers that there is a risk that our operations, products or services may be connected to modern slavery through the activities or supply chains of our direct suppliers. In the context of procured services, the most significant risk areas are those where supply chains utilise unskilled workers such as cleaning / landscaping labour. Within procured product supply chains, the most significant risks for TUH are in the use of Tier2 or lower component manufacturers in recognised high-risk industries such as manufacturing of garments, electronic goods, disposables, consumables and retail goods where minimising production costs may be a business priority.

As a consumer of health-related goods and in particular, personal protective equipment, for which there has been a rapid and substantial increase in demand and physical disruption to distribution networks during the COVID-19 pandemic; TUH recognises that these environmental factors may influence the prevalence of risks in our supply chains. In addition, TUH has widened our procurement activities and engaged with new providers to ensure an adequate supply of goods to be able to deliver our services safely, activity that requires additional assessment of supply chain risk.

## Assessing and Addressing Actual/Potential Modern Slavery Risks

In the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020:

## Due diligence activities

- Designed Modern Slavery Risk Assessment measures.
- Incorporated modern slavery data capture into our electronic contract management framework.
- Conducted a supply chain mapping and modern slavery risk assessment exercise.
- Screening new suppliers for modern slavery risks by incorporating modern slavery risk assessments into our purchasing, request for proposal/tender and contract approval processes.

#### Remediation activities:

- Publicly communicating our expectations of suppliers by developing, publishing and promoting the TUH Supplier Guidelines.
- Integrated practices across our business by completing training with the TUH Board, Management Team, and those responsible for procurement activities.
- Implemented appropriate modern slavery contractual provisions with high risk and significant suppliers.
- Promoted the TUH Whistleblowing Policy as a grievance mechanism.
- Advised those responsible for procurement activities to consider modern slavery risk indicators in their procurement decisions and to consider ending or not entering into business relationships with high-risk suppliers that refuse to disclose details relating to their labour practices and supply chain.
- Published the first TUH Modern Slavery Statement.







#### Planned activities in the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021:

- Further targeted due diligence risk assessment and remediation with identified 'high-risk' suppliers. This may take the form of issuing surveys or conducting relationship management meetings to gather further information.
- Issuing detailed and practical guidance for procurement teams to minimise modern slavery risks at the point of engagement. This may also involve designating approved /preferred suppliers for inherently high-risk goods.
- Integrating our approach to modern slavery risk management with a wider Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) framework. TUH seeks to uphold the principles of corporate social responsibility more broadly and will align our practices in these areas to ensure consistency of messaging and application.

## Assessing the effectiveness of our actions

TUH assess the effectiveness of our actions in relation to identifying, assessing and addressing the risks of modern slavery in the same way that we would assess the effectiveness of any other risk management activities under our Risk Appetite Statement and Risk Management Strategy. This framework includes:

- Inherent and residual risk assessments (likelihood and consequence as well as risk velocity, complexity, and our adaptive capacity) completed by risk owners on a regular basis.
- Monitoring of key risk indicators e.g. employee training completion rates; the number of new high-risk suppliers engaged each quarter; the number of high-risk suppliers with appropriate contractual clauses in place.
- Operation of the 'three lines of defence (responsibility)' model of risk management
  - o Control self-assessment undertaken by risk owners (first-line).
  - Control testing undertaken by the Risk and Compliance team (second-line)
  - Annual review of the risk management framework by Internal Audit (third-line).

- Quarterly and by exception risk reporting to our Board Risk Committee.

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