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INSPECTORS TO VISIT CBD ACCOMMODATION BUSINESSES

Workplace inspectors will be visiting 20 accommodation businesses in Sydney's CBD from 12 February as part of a joint campaign between the NSW Office of Industrial Relations and the Workplace Ombudsman, Sydney Labor MLC Penny Sharpe said today.

Ms Sharpe said the NSW Government was committed to ensuring businesses were competing fairly and complying with their responsibilities as employers.

"Working with the Workplace Ombudsman means employers can be advised about both federal and state industrial relations systems," Ms Sharpe said.

"Inspectors will be providing employers with information and advice on workplace rights and obligations under industrial laws, such as pay rates, conditions of employment, leave entitlements and employment records.

"As part of the visits, inspectors will conduct interviews with the employer or person in charge of the business about employment records and employment conditions in the workplace.

"Employers are required to let the inspector in to their workplace, answer the questions asked and provide any employment records requested.

"Most employers want to do the right thing but failure to comply with any of the above can result in legal action and hefty fines."

Ms Sharpe said these inspections provide an opportunity for employers to ask questions to ensure they are meeting their obligations to their staff.

"For employers that would like more assistance or clarification of their industrial relations obligations, the Office of Industrial Relations is also running a free workshop on 24 February in Sydney," she said.

The workshop will take place at The Vibe Hotel, 111 Goulburn Street, from 9 – 12pm.

To register or for more information contact the Office of Industrial Relations on 02 9020 4612 or visit www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au