Chief Minister and Treasurer, Clare Martin, today detailed changes to the Northern Territory's Motor Accidents Compensation Act (MACA) and Payroll Tax laws.

"The section 13 amendment now means that TIO will continue to make compensation payments for loss of income up until someone is fit to resume work," Ms Martin said.

"That is how TIO has always interpreted the existing Act, however the courts early this year decided that compensation was still payable to a person if they were unable to find any work where they lived, even though they were fit and able."

Ms Martin said that to let the court interpretation stand would increase the cost of the scheme, forcing premiums up by around 30%.

"For that reason there needed to be clarification of the Act," she said.

"If you are fit, but can't find work, then that is a social security issue, not a MACA issue."

The other amendment, for Payroll Tax, is to clarify recovery provisions to ensure that all members within a group are liable for each other's penalties.

"Currently the law ensures that different members within the one group (i.e. they all basically have the same owner) are liable for the payroll tax liabilities of any other member of the group," she said.

"This was done to prevent the shuffling of assets and employees to different members within the group to avoid paying payroll tax. The law is being amended to clarify that similar rules also apply in relation to any penalty tax imposed.

"Tax laws are constantly evolving and this change is needed to improve their workability."

The amendments were introduced into Parliament today.