The NT Government will review the definition of ‘worker’ under the Work Health Act following representation from unions and major employers from the industry sector, Employment, Education and Training Minister Syd Stirling said today.

Mr Stirling said the review would address concerns about workers’ compensation provisions under the current legislation.

"Some subcontractors are working on building sites without adequate insurance protection and this is of great concern," Mr Stirling said.

"The Government is in the process of establishing a Working Party which will be asked to make recommendations to Government on this issue."

The Working Party will include representatives of unions, major construction industries, government agencies, the Territory Construction Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the NT Trades and Labour Council.

"There is broad consensus that the definition of worker in the legislation should be addressed as a matter of urgency," Mr Stirling said.

"It is important that we there is a collaborative approach to addressing occupational health and safety issues within the construction industry.

"I look forward to the Working Party’s recommendations on this important issue."

Mr Stirling said he had a fruitful discussion this morning about occupational health and safety matters on work sites with a delegation from the Communications, Electrical and Plumbing Union and the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union.

"The unions reinforced with me the need to address the issue of the definition of worker in current legislation.

"I assured the delegates that Government is committed to working with both unions and employers to continue to improve safety on construction sites throughout the Territory."