

WORKSAFE INSPECTORS — SHORTAGE

6200. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Commerce

I refer to the ongoing shortage of WorkSafe inspectors, and I ask —

- (1) During the 2007–08, 2008–09, 2009–10, 2011–12, 2012–13 financial years, has the Department of Commerce commissioned any external consultants to —
 - (a) review and report on the staffing issues facing WorkSafe; and/or
 - (b) make recommendations as to how the situation might be improved?
- (2) If yes to (1), in respect of each report or set of recommendations please —
 - (a) briefly explain the terms of reference;
 - (b) provide the date of commission and publication; and
 - (c) table a copy?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) (a)–(b) Yes, in 2011/12.
- (2) (a) The terms of reference (scope) for the review were to look at “generalist” inspector positions and make recommendations in relation to deficiencies in attracting and securing new inspector recruits.
(b) The consultant was engaged in November 2011 to conduct the review. An interim report from the review was finalised in April 2012. There was no final report.
(c) A copy of the interim report is provided for tabling [See paper 5338.]
- (3) Not applicable.