

SAFETY AND EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION — CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS —
STATE BUDGET 2013–14

758. Hon KATE DOUST to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to the safety and employment protection and construction standards on page 644 of the 2013–14 budget. Could the minister please explain why there is such a vast discrepancy between the budgeted FTEs to the estimated actual FTEs for the year 2012–13?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I answer on behalf of Hon Michael Mischin. I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The variance is associated with the FTE ceiling component of the corrective measures implemented by government, finite project-funded positions and vacant positions unable to be filled due to the inability to attract suitably qualified personnel.