

AUSTRALIAN RADIATION INCIDENT REGISTER

2677. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the Australian Radiation Incident Register (ARIR) Summary of Radiation Incidents and information provided by this state to the ARPANSA Secretariat, and I ask —

- (1) Will the Minister table the State of Western Australia's reports to the ARPANSA Secretariat for the last three years?
- (2) With reference to the Mining Incident Category how is this data gathered, and from what sources?
- (3) With reference to the High Recorded Dose Category how is this data gathered, and from what sources?
- (4) Are High Recorded Dose's as outlined in the Australian Radiation Incident Register Summary of Radiation Incidents identified as to what activity they came from?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) No. Disclosure of the incident reports is subject to Section 49 of the Radiation Safety Act 1975 and, as such, may not be provided without consent of the person carrying on or operating the business concerned to which the incident relates. However, a summary of the incidents appear in the Radiological Council's Annual Report which are provided to the Minister for Health by 31 March of each year. Copies of the annual reports are available from the Radiological Council.
- (2) Data is gathered from reports received under Regulation 15 and Regulation 19A of the Radiation Safety (General) Regulations 1983.
- (3) High Dose category data is gathered from approved personal radiation monitoring service providers that issue personal monitoring badges in Western Australia to personnel who are required to be monitored under the Radiation Safety Act 1975. The providers are required to submit to the Radiological Council details of any doses that exceed the reporting thresholds in the Radiation Safety (General) Regulations 1983.
- (4) Yes. Incidents reported to the Australian Radiation Incident Register are categorised in relation to the industry in which they occurred (e.g. Hospital, University, Industrial Radiography etc).