

MINES AND PETROLEUM — WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

978. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources Safety Division and I ask, in relation to the accidents and injuries in the mineral industry for the period 2012–13, and 2013–14 to date:

- (a) what was the number and nature of injuries (for example: strain/pain, fracture, laceration, crushing, amputation, burn, mental stress, etc);
- (b) what was the part of the body effected (for example: back, hand, shoulder, neck, eye, etc);
- (c) what was the location of the accident (for example: treatment plant, open pit, underground, workshop, etc);
- (d) what was the type of accident (for example: strenuous movement, stepping, struck by object, fall from height, caught up/between operating machinery, etc); and
- (e) in relation to (a), how many of the work injuries were disabling resulting in the injured person being unable to fully perform his or her regular work?

**Hon Ken Baston replied:**

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

- (a) There were 1 507 initial lost time and restricted work injuries reported for 2012, and 1 409 for 2013 in mining and exploration operations. The table provides the nature and number of injuries [See paper 1460.]
- (b)–(d) [See paper 1460.]
- (e) All the injuries were either lost time or restricted work injuries where the injured persons were disabled by the accident from performing his or her duties of employment as they were being performed at the time the accident occurred.