

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES

837. Hon KATE DOUST to the Minister for Commerce:

How many occupational safety and health representatives were elected and trained in Western Australian workplaces in —

- (a) 2008;
- (b) 2009;
- (c) 2010; and
- (d) 2011 to date?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question.

Records of the number of elected safety and health representatives is reliant on the person conducting the election informing the WorkSafe Western Australia Commissioner, so it is not possible to be certain that department records include every elected safety and health representative. Department records indicate the numbers of elected safety and health representatives registered with WorkSafe as follows —

- (a) In 2008, 3 578;
- (b) In 2009, 3 147;
- (c) In 2010, 4 068; and
- (d) In 2011 to date, 3 082.

The records for the number of people receiving safety and health representative training are provided by registered training organisations and are maintained on a financial year basis and show the following —

- (a) In 2007–08, 3 862;
- (b) In 2008–09, 4 259;
- (c) In 2009–10, 4 077; and
- (d) For 2010–11, the data has not yet been supplied by the registered training organisations.