

MINES AND PETROLEUM — WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

977. 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 mining, safety and health for the period 2012–13, and 2013–14 to date:

- (a) how many complaints about workplace health and safety were received;
- (b) how many notifiable incident reports were received;
- (c) how many investigations were undertaken;
- (d) how many inspections and audits were carried out; and
- (e) in relation to (c), what were the outcomes of the investigations?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

- (a) 2012–13: 34 workplace health and safety complaint notifications received
2013–14: 38 workplace health and safety complaint notifications received
- (b) 2012–13: 2 580 notifiable incident reports received
2013–14: 1 729 notifiable incident reports received
- (c) 2012–13: 13 fatal and serious investigations were undertaken
2013–14: 23 fatal and serious investigations were undertaken
- (d) 2012–13: 1 827 inspections and 179 audits were undertaken
2013–14: 1 463 inspections and 146 audits were undertaken
- (e) Outcomes of investigations meet the Department’s prosecution and enforcement policy. During the investigation process prohibition and improvement notices are issued by inspectors as required and learnings are shared with the mining industry in the form of safety bulletins and significant incident reports when facts are established. In 2012–13 nine investigations were referred to the State Solicitor’s Office (SSO) and in 2013–14 one has been referred to the SSO.