

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — WORKSAFE INQUIRIES

2935. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:

- (1) What Worksafe inquiries are currently on foot at the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) in relation to:
 - (a) Operations;
 - (b) Systems; and
 - (c) Equipment?
- (2) What Worksafe inquiries at DFES have concluded in 2013 and 2014 (year to date) in relation to:
 - (a) Operations;
 - (b) Systems; and
 - (c) Equipment?
- (3) In relation to (2) please advise what remedial action has been taken or is in the process of being taken in response to Worksafe directives or recommendations?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) advises:

- (1) (a)–(c) WorkSafe are not currently undertaking any enquiries at DFES.
- (2) (a)–(c) WorkSafe Enquiries which have taken place during 2013/2014 include:
 - Non-compliant Vehicles;
 - British Instantaneous Couplings;
 - Inappropriate Workplace Behaviour at O'Connor Workshops;
 - Fire Blankets;
 - Safe work practices at O'Connor Workshops;
 - Facilities at the Cockburn Emergency Services Complex;
 - Perth Fire Station Locker Rooms; and
 - Full Face Respirators.
- (3) As result of the above WorkSafe have issued improvement notices in regards to the following:
 - British Instantaneous Couplings.
 - Inappropriate behaviour at O'Connor Workshops x 3.Remedial actions are as follow:
 1. Double Lug Couplings are being installed on the pump panels of high risk appliances.
 2. DFES have conducted training for workshops staff in relation to workplace behaviour with additional training to take place in the next two months. A performance management process is being developed and implemented for workshop employees.