

ENVIRONMENT — FIELD INSPECTION LICENCES

5380. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) How many people were undertaking field inspections for the Department of Environmental Regulation on:
 - (a) 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Feb 2016;
 - (b) 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Nov 2015; and
 - (c) 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Aug 2015?
- (2) For the years 2014/15; 2013/14; 2012/13; 2011/12 can you confirm for each type of licence issued under Part 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*:
 - (a) how many complaints were received by the Department of Environmental Regulation/Department of Environment and Conservation;
 - (b) how many licences were the subject of complaint;
 - (c) how many resulted in the following actions:
 - (i) letters of warning;
 - (ii) infringements;
 - (iii) licence review/amendments;
 - (iv) environmental field notice;
 - (v) compliance inspection; and
 - (vi) corrective action; and
 - (d) for each category of licence issued under Part 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*:
 - (i) how many are still active; and
 - (ii) between 1 July 2014 and 1 July 2015, how many sites were physically inspected?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (1) The number of staff attending compliance inspections is as follows:
 - (a) 2 February 2016: 14 officers
3 February 2016: 10 officers
4 February 2016: 10 officers
5 February 2016: 1 officer
6 February 2016: Nil officers
 - (b)–(c) Nil.
- (2) (a)–(c) The information requested cannot be provided by licence type as the Department's Incident and Complaints Management System does not record a complaint by licence type. Each complaint would need to be interrogated individually to determine if it was related to a licence type and collation of this information is a resource intensive task that will involve substantial resources and I am not prepared to divert valuable staff resources away from other duties to this task.
- (d) (i) As at 12 May 2016, there were 949 licences and 550 works approvals active.
(ii) 671 sites.