

ELECTRICAL TESTING AND TAGGING — COMPETENCY COURSES

4262. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Commerce

I refer to the Motion for Disallowance on *Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996* of which notice was given on 24 November 2010, and ask —

- (1) What specific competencies must be met for a person to be considered a 'competent person' for carrying out testing and tagging of electrical equipment under clauses 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7(a) of AS/NZS 3012:2010?
- (2) Which VET courses, if any, must an unlicensed person have successfully completed to be considered a 'competent person' for carrying out testing and tagging of electrical equipment under clauses 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7(a) of AS/NZS 3012:2010?
- (3) In what ways, other than completing a VET course as referred to in (2), can a person be deemed competent to carry out testing and tagging of electrical equipment under clauses 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7(a) of AS/NZS 3012:2010?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) To be considered a 'competent person', a person must have successfully completed training in the competency unit, UEENEPP008B Conduct In-Service Safety Testing of Electrical Cord Assemblies and Cord Connected Equipment in the National Electrotechnical Training Package, administered by the Australian Quality Training Framework.
- (2) An unlicensed person must have successfully completed the aforementioned training, delivered by a registered training organisation under the vocational educational training (VET) system.
- (3) A licensed electrician is considered a 'competent person'.