

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:

1) I refer to page 242, Budget Paper No 2, Volume 1, line item 1 'Work Health and Safety Act implementation' and also note that the Government announced in 2019 that additional inspectors would be employed, and I ask:

a) How many additional Inspectors have been employed since 2019?

Answer:

The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) has successfully filled 19 of the 21 additional Inspector positions announced in 2019.

Of the 16 new inspector positions announced by the Government for the new Work Health and Safety laws, 10 of those positions have been filled.

b) How many additional Inspectors are still to be employed?

Answer:

Of the 37 positions, a total of 8 Inspector positions are yet to be filled.

c) When do you expect to have employed the full quota?

Answer:

Recruitment is currently underway for the remaining vacant Inspector positions. Subject to the successful completion of DMIRS' recruitment processes, it is anticipated that appointments will be made during 2022.

d) What is the estimated cost for the additional Inspectors?

Answer:

It is estimated that the total cost for the additional 37 WorkSafe Inspectors will amount to approximately \$4.43 million per annum.

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