

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 729

asked on Thursday, 12 May 2005

MR FOLEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Chief Gas Examiner who wrote to all gasfitters in December indicating that their current licences would remain current until expiry and then early this year try to bring in the requirement of “Proof of Work” in a retrospective manner which has denied the natural justice of people being able to demonstrate their capabilities and in light of this change—

Will he advise how many Level 2 or Advanced licences have been revoked in Queensland due to faulty workmanship compared to Level 1 licences?

ANSWER:

The revocation or cancellation of gas licences is a very rare event and considered a last resort measure. The strong focus of the Petroleum and Gas Inspectorate is to counsel and direct rather than remove a person’s livelihood. As such, no licences of any type have been revoked in the past three years.