

Question on Notice

No. 1854

Asked on Wednesday, 26 November 2008

1854 MR DICKSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL)—

QUESTION:

- (1) How many inspections were carried out by electrical inspectors in the last 11 years (broken down by year and region)?
- (2) How many electrical inspectors were employed during each of the last 11 years?

ANSWER:

I am advised as follows:

Queensland's independent State-wide electrical safety inspectorate administered by the Electrical Safety Office (ESO) was established under the *Electrical Safety Act 2002*, which commenced on 1 October 2002.

Details of electrical safety investigation numbers have historically been reported as a total for the whole of the ESO. These totals are provided in the table below along with the corresponding number of electrical safety inspectors employed by the ESO at the end of each financial year.

Period	(1) Investigations	(2) Inspectors employed as at the end of each period
01/10/2002 to 30/06/2003 (part year)	804	22
01/07/2003 to 30/06/2004	1,708	20
01/07/2004 to 30/06/2005	2,120	25
01/07/2005 to 30/06/2006	2,800	23
01/07/2006 to 30/06/2007	1,566	21
01/07/2007 to 30/06/2008	1,508	27

Since 1 July 2008, the Electrical Safety Office inspectorate has been divided into five regions to align with other divisions within the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. As at 28 November 2008 there has been 30 inspectors employed. A breakdown of the number of electrical safety investigations per region from 1 July 2008 to 1 December 2008 is provided below:

North Qld	Central Qld & Wide Bay	Brisbane North & Sunshine Coast	Brisbane South & Gold Coast	South West Qld
70	142	238	238	89