

## Question on Notice

No. 1267

Asked on 16 August 2016

**MR MINNIKIN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, MINISTER FOR RACING AND MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (HON G GRACE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent appointment of the Electrical Safety Commissioner—

Will the Minister advise the salary of this new role and how many hours of engagement, per week, are expected of the Commissioner?

ANSWER:

Mr Greg Skyring was appointed as the Commissioner for Electrical Safety for a three year term from 18 July 2016 to 17 July 2019. This appointment was made following an open merit recruitment and selection process.

Under sections 68 and 70 of the *Electrical Safety Act 2002*, the Commissioner is appointed for a term of not more than five years and is entitled to be paid the salary and allowances decided by the Governor in Council. The conditions must, to the greatest extent practicable, be equivalent to the conditions of employment for a person appointed under the *Public Service Act 2008*.

The contract of employment with Mr Skyring is on a full-time basis. Following an independent work value and remuneration assessment, the remuneration level was set in the Senior Executive Service (SES) level 2 range by the Office of Industrial Relations in consultation with the Public Service Commission.

The Commissioner will work with the Electrical Safety Office to develop and implement strategies for standards of electrical safety and the promotion of improved electrical safety performance across the electrical industry and wider community.

The Commissioner plays an important role in providing a community voice to government and acts as an independent advocate for electrical safety. The Commissioner has a leadership role as Chair of the Electrical Safety Board and Chair of the Electrical Licensing Committee and provides advice to the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations on electrical safety matters.