

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1866

asked on Wednesday, 27 November 2019

MR S ANDREW ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the most recent workplace death at Carborough Downs Coal Mine—

Will the Minister advise (a) when the Mines Inspectorate visited this site since the safety reset and (b) details on comprehensive onsite safety audits and/or inspections by the Inspectorate?

ANSWER:

- (a) The mines inspectorate has visited Carborough Downs Coal Mine on 11 days since the mine held its safety reset sessions in August.
- (b) These visits consisted of three planned inspections and investigations of matters raised with the inspectorate. This does not include the investigation in relation to the fatality on 25 November 2019.

Planned inspections related to underground longwall workings, mechanical plant and gas management.

The health and safety of our 53,000 mine and quarry workers is paramount for the Palaszczuk Government. Our government has acted: mine health and safety laws have been reformed, giving inspectors new powers and increasing maximum fines. Mines inspectorate compliance activities include issuing directives to mines to take corrective or preventative action where risk of operations may reach unacceptable levels. Compliance with directives is mandatory. Prosecution is also undertaken in serious instances of non-compliance.