

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 104

asked on Thursday, 25 February 2021

MR P WEIR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR RESOURCES (HON S STEWART)—

QUESTION:

With reference to workplace health and safety in Queensland mines—

Will the Minister provide an update (in the format of the answer to Question on Notice No.1045 of 2019) for the period between 30 June 2020 and 1 February 2021 (a) the number of FTE workplace inspectors allocated to monitoring Queensland mines, (b) the overall number of inspectors in Queensland mines and (c) the number of infringements issued?

ANSWER:

- (a) For the period between 30 June 2020 and 1 February 2021, the number of full time (FTE) Queensland mines inspectors ranged from 44 to 49 and is currently at 49.
- (b) The overall number of Queensland mines inspectors is 49.
- (c) As per the response to Questions on Notice numbers 1045 of 2019, 428 of 2020, and 508 of 2020, the Queensland mining safety and health legislative framework does not provide for the issue of infringement notices; however, mines inspectors issue 'directives' or 'substandard condition or practice notices' to mines or quarries to address safety or health issues, requiring particular actions to be taken within stated timeframes to address the issues.

For the period between 30 June 2020 and 1 February 2021, the Mines Inspectorate issued a total of 1010 directives and substandard condition or practice notices (259 directives and 751 substandard condition or practice notices).