

WORKSAFE - COMMITTEES

1165. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the minister representing the Minister for Employment Protection:

I refer to WorkSafe.

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 - (a) How many advisory committees does the WorkSafe WA Commissioner have to advise her?
 - (b) Are all persons on these committees volunteers or government appointees from various departments?
 - (c) What is the cost of these committees to the department?
- (2) Is it intended to have more industry representatives on these committees; and, if so, will they be paid a sitting fee?

Hon JON FORD replied:

I thank Hon Nigel Hallett for some notice of the question. The Minister for Employment Protection has supplied the following answer.

The Department of Consumer and Employment Protection has advised the Minister for Employment Protection -

- (1)
 - (a) Neither WorkSafe nor the WorkSafe Western Australia Commissioner has advisory committees. However, from time to time WorkSafe and the commissioner facilitate the formation of working groups to assist consultation on occupational health and safety issues. The agricultural industrial safety group is an example of such a working group. The commissioner is chair of this group.
 - (b) Membership of working groups depends upon the reason for the groups. A strong industry representation is encouraged.
 - (c) WorkSafe provides executive support and facilities, such as a venue.
- (2) WorkSafe supports broad industry representation on working groups. WorkSafe does not pay sitting fees to members of working groups.