

WORKSAFE

941. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the minister representing the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection:

Will the minister please provide the following information -

- (1) How many inspectors does WorkSafe employ?
- (2) How many inspectors does WorkSafe employ specifically to inspect farm machinery?
- (3) What qualifications are held by WorkSafe employees who carry out inspections on farm machinery?
- (4) How many prohibition notices have been issued on farm machinery over the past six months - June 2005 to November 2005 inclusive?
- (5) How many improvement notices have been issued on farm machinery over the past six months - June 2005 to November 2005 inclusive?
- (6) Will the minister please give a detailed description of each notice given for farm machinery, both prohibition and improvement, including the reason for issue over the past six months - June 2005 to November 2005 inclusive?

Hon JON FORD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection has supplied the following answer -

- (1) WorkSafe currently employs 101 inspectors in an operational capacity.
- (2) No inspectors are currently employed specifically for inspecting farm machinery. There are currently 15 inspectors engaged on the national campaign for farm machinery; however, these inspectors also deal with other operational matters.
- (3) All WorkSafe inspectors are trained and qualified, have knowledge of the act and regulations, are deemed competent and are duly appointed by the commissioner under the act.
- (4)-(6) The details requested cannot be provided in the allocated time frame. A response can be provided if the honourable member places that part of the question on notice.