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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF TAFE, WORKSAFE PROHIBITION NOTICES

2932. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to the article in *The West Australian* on 28 May 2004, titled 'Three school violence probes' and ask -

- (a) how many WorkSafe prohibition notices have been issued against Government primary schools, high schools (including middle schools, senior high schools and senior colleges) and TAFE colleges in Western Australia for the school years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 to date;
- (b) what are the names of the schools and what do the prohibition notices relate to at each of the schools; and
- (c) how many of these prohibition notices are yet to be fully complied with?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

(a) 2000 0 2001 1 2002 5 2003 9 2004 1

(b) Listed below are the institutions which have been issued with prohibition notices. Some of these institutions have received more than one prohibition notice.

2000

NA

2001

South East Metropolitan College of TAFE

2002

Girrawheen Senior High School

Kimberley College of TAFE – Wyndham Campus (two prohibition notices)

South Hedland High School – Matt Dann Cultural Centre

Central Metropolitan College of TAFE

2003

Mandurah Senior College (three prohibition notices)

Balga Senior High School (two prohibition notices)

Bridgetown District High School

Pilbara College of TAFE – Tom Price Campus (three prohibition notices)

2004

Brookman Primary School

The issues addressed by the prohibition notices cover a range of areas including:

- risk of falls from heights;
- condition of woodworking machines;
- plant guards
- unsatisfactory repairs;
- environmental tobacco smoke;
- · water seeping into ceiling cavities;
- overloading double adaptors; and
- inadequate rollover protection.
- (c) A prohibition notice is a written direction issued by a WorkSafe inspector prohibiting the carrying on of any activity that the inspector believes involves or will involve a risk of imminent and serious injury or harm to the health of any person. On issuing a prohibition notice, the Inspector will remain at the workplace until the employer is advised of the notice and the prohibited activity has ceased. Therefore all prohibition notices have full compliance.