

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, IMPROVEMENT AND PROHIBITION NOTICES

991. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection; Training
- (1) How many Improvement Notices and Prohibition Notices have been issued since 12 February 2001?
 - (2) Have all these Notices been complied with?
 - (3) If not, which ones are still subject to further inspection?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

- (1) For the period 12 February 2001 to 31 August 2001, there were 4302 Improvement Notices; and 399 Prohibition Notices issued.
- (2)-(3) No. In the case of prohibition notices, Section 49 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (1984) requires an Inspector who issues a prohibition notice to remain at the workplace until the employer has been advised of the notice and, where the notice is in respect of an activity that is occurring, the prohibited activity has ceased. However improvement notices have varying dates of compliance, some of which have not been reached. In addition, the Act provides for referral of notices for review. Where an improvement notice has been referred for review the operation of the notice is suspended pending a decision.