

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE IN WORKPLACE

1646. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to the Occupational Safety and Health Regulation 3.44, relating to environmental tobacco smoke in the workplace and ask -

- (a) how many prohibition and/or improvement notices have been issued since 29 March 1999;
- (b) how many prosecutions have resulted since 29 March 1999;
- (c) with respect to (a) -
  - (i) on what dates were notices issued;
  - (ii) the nature of the notice;
  - (iii) against whom the notice was issued;
  - (iv) what follow-up inspections were made;
  - (v) what recommendations were made to the industry groups as a result of inspections; and
  - (vi) if no recommendations were made, why not;
- (d) with respect to (b) -
  - (i) what were the dates of the prosecutions;
  - (ii) what was the nature of the prosecutions;
  - (iii) what follow-up inspections were made;
  - (iv) what recommendations were made to the industry groups as a result of prosecutions; and
  - (v) if no recommendations were made, why not?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) 14 prohibition notices and 103 improvement notices have been issued from 29 March 1999 to 31 May 2003 under regulations dealing with smoking (Regulations 3.44A to 3.44I).
- (b) Nil.
- (c) There were 117 notices issued therefore provision of the information requested would require the expending of considerable resources. If the member wishes for me to follow through on a specific case I am happy to do so.
- (d) N/A.