

WORKSAFE, ABORIGINAL POLICE LIAISON OFFICERS, INVESTIGATIONS OF OCCUPATIONAL
SAFETY AND HEALTH ISSUES

3062. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to the *Police News* of June 2004, page 23, and the article titled 'OS&H and APLOs – role of managers, OICs' and ask -

- (a) has the Minister read this article;
- (b) given the risks faced by Aboriginal Police Liaison Officers (APLO's), as out lined in the article, has WorkSafe conducted any investigations into the Occupation Safety and Health issues raised in this article;
- (c) has WorkSafe conducted any investigations into the work place practices that may impact on the role of APLO's;
- (d) will the Minister table copies of any such reports;
- (e) if not, why not;
- (f) if no investigations have been conducted, will the Minister direct that such an investigation be undertaken by WorkSafe; and
- (g) if not, why not?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) Prior to receiving this question - no.
- (b) No.
- (c) No.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) No.
- (g) The principles of sound safety and health management require these issues to be resolved in the first instance at the workplace between the employer and the employee. WorkSafe as an enforcement agency will become involved if safety and health hazards are not resolved at the workplace.