

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF TAFE, WORKSAFE IMPROVEMENT NOTICES

2933. 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 improvement 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 improvement notices relate to at each of the schools; and
- (c) how many of these improvement notices are yet to be fully complied with?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a)

2000	14
2001	6
2002	74
2003	135
2004	61
- (b) The resources required to provide the level of detail requested are significant. If the Hon Member requires specific information, a briefing can be arranged with WorkSafe. However, the following list indicates the range of issues addressed by the WorkSafe improvement notices:
 - 2000
 - slips/trips/falls hazards;
 - cooling unit immediately next to soil & organic matter;
 - plant and machine hazards; and
 - dust extraction.
 - 2001
 - hazard of violence at the workplace;
 - dust extraction;
 - flashback hazards; and
 - electrical hazards.
 - 2002
 - welding hazards;
 - hazardous substances;
 - inadequate protection from heat and sun;
 - electrical hazards;
 - machine and plant guarding hazards;
 - inadequate safety induction;
 - inadequate fire safety and procedures awareness;
 - slips/trips/falls hazards;
 - structural concerns; and
 - hazardous substances not stored correctly.
 - 2003
 - machine and plant guarding hazards;
 - hazard of violence at the workplace;
 - hazardous substances;
 - slips/trips/falls hazards;
 - hazardous materials;
 - electrical hazards;
 - first aid training;
 - dust extraction and ventilation; and
 - welding hazards.
 - 2004
 - slips/trips/falls hazards;

- hazard of violence at the workplace;
- manual handling hazards;
- inappropriate workstations; and
- emergency stop buttons.

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