

WORKPLACE FATALITIES

776. Hon KATE DOUST to the Minister for Commerce:

- (1) What was the total number of workplace fatalities that occurred in Western Australia over the 2014–15 financial year?
- (2) What is the breakdown of workplace fatalities for the 2014–15 financial year by industry?
- (3) How many workplace fatalities are currently under investigation by WorkSafe?
- (4) Can the minister advise when the WorkSafe 2014–15 report “Work Related Lost Time Injuries and Diseases in WA” will be available?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Twenty-two work-related fatalities were confirmed.
- (2) These figures are subject to revision. Seven fatalities occurred in transport, postal and warehousing; three in mining; three in agriculture, forestry and fishing; three in construction; three in other services; two in manufacturing; and one in electricity, gas, water and waste services.
- (3) Sixteen fatalities that fall under the jurisdiction of the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 are currently under investigation. In addition, inspector inquiries are continuing with respect to two fatal incidents in which the “work-related” connection is still to be determined—one recorded in 2013–14 and one in 2014–15.
- (4) It will be available between July and August 2016.