

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1143

asked on Wednesday, 21 August 2019

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**MR D LAST** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the number of mine safety inspectors as of 20 August 2019—

Will the Minister outline (a) the number of inspector vacancies, (b) how long each of these positions has been vacant and (c) a break down of categories in which these inspector vacancies are?

ANSWER:

Current inspector vacancies, including category of inspector and duration of vacancy, are detailed below:

	Category of inspector	Vacant since
1	Coal	9 September 2019
2	Coal	New position
3	Coal	New position
4	Mineral Mines and Quarries	12 July 2019
5	Mineral Mines and Quarries	New position
6	Chief Inspector (Coal)	9 August 2019
7	Chief Inspector (Mineral Mines and Quarries)	9 August 2019
8	Petroleum and Gas	10 September 2019

The role of the Chief Inspector, Mines was a combined role (covering both coal, and mineral mines and quarries) until an additional chief inspector role was announced on 10 July 2019.

Acting Chief Inspectors have been appointed until the recruitment process has been finalised.

Recruitment for all vacant mines inspectorate roles is underway, with one Mineral Mines and Quarries inspector recruitment process near completion.

There are currently no inspector vacancies in the Explosives Inspectorate.

I apologise for the late tabling of this response.