

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1045

asked on Friday, 14 June 2019

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

QUESTION:

With reference to workplace health and safety in Queensland mines—

Will the Minister advise for 2014 to date (reported separately by year) the (a) number of FTE workplace inspectors allocated to monitoring Queensland mines, (b) overall number of inspections in Queensland mines, (c) number of infringements issued and (d) overall revenue collected by fines?

ANSWER:

For 2018-19, the Resources Safety and Health Division employed 84 inspectors, as follows:

- 44 mines inspectors
- 24 petroleum inspectors
- 16 explosives inspectors

(a) Number of FTE workplace inspectors allocated to monitoring Queensland mines per financial year:

Financial year	Number of FTE workplace inspectors
2014–15	46
2015–16	44
2016–17	39
2017–18	42
2018–19	44

(b) Overall number of inspections in Queensland mines per financial year:

Financial year	Overall number of inspections
2014–15	1545
2015–16	1781
2016–17	1459*
2017–18	1376*
2018–19	1241*

**Reduced number of inspections due to prioritisation of workload as a result of fatal accidents investigation and increased focus on coal worker's pneumoconiosis*

(c) The Mines Inspectorate has no powers under legislation to issue infringements; however, a 'directive' or a 'substandard condition or practice' is issued to a mine or quarry to address an identified safety issue or non-compliance.

Financial year	Overall number of infringements
2014–15	1266
2015–16	1340
2016–17	1545
2017–18	1314
2018–19	1310

(d) No revenue is collected from fines.