

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1188

asked on Thursday, 22 August 2019

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise for 2014 to 2019 (reported separately by year) broken into mine and quarries (a) the department's target for audits to conduct and (b) the number of audits that were actually undertaken?

ANSWER:

From the 2017-18 financial year, the Coal Inspectorate revised their audit program to one of conducting multiple hazard specific audits. The previous planned audit program numbers were per site. This resulted in an increase to the number of planned and actual audits from the previous financial years. Mine audits are a more in-depth analysis of a mine operation's safety and health system and provide more valuable feedback to mine operators regarding improvements. An inspection might take one or two inspectors a day: an audit is a more in-depth analysis and takes a team of inspectors a week.

The table below shows all 'actuals' data as published in the annual Queensland Mines and Quarries Safety Performance and Health Reports.

These reports can be found at www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/queensland-mines-and-quarries-safety-performance-and-health-reports.

Year	Planned coal mines	Actual coal mines	Planned mineral mines and quarries	Actual mineral mines and quarries	Actual combined
2013-14	1	-	-	-	49*
2014-15	1	-	-	-	62*
2015-16	1	4	-	28	32
2016-17	6	10	6	42	52
2017-18	82 [^]	42 [^]	6	23	65
2018-19	65 [^]	56 [^]	4	4	60

*2013-14 and 2014-15 total combined actuals as published in the Queensland Mines and Quarries Safety Performance and Health Reports.