

**Question on Notice**

**No. 337**

**Asked on 26 March 2019**

**MR D LAST** ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to reports of inspectors refusing to attend construction projects in Queensland due to intimidation by unions—

Will the Minister advise if inspections of the Townsville Stadium are being undertaken as per normal practices and what steps the Minister has taken to assure the safety of inspectors on that site?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government does not tolerate any form of intimidating or aggressive behaviour in the workplace, whether that be towards its workers or towards members of the public by its workers. The Office of Industrial Relations, in consultation with its Health and Safety and Wellbeing (HSW) Committee, has established a work-related violence policy, guidelines and fact sheet, as well as a zero tolerance to violence statement of principles.

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) inspectors have been undertaking unannounced inspections at Townsville's North Queensland Stadium construction site on a regular basis. These inspections have been occurring on approximately a fortnightly basis.

To date there have been over 35 site inspections by WHSQ inspectors, with 14 statutory notices, including two infringement notices, being served.

WHSQ inspectors have responded to all notifiable incidents at the project. WHSQ inspectors have not raised any concerns regarding their own health and safety when attending the site.