



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS  
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**Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by BEC CODY MLA:

In relation to: Resourcing

1. Will there be additional staffing provided to an independent Worksafe?
2. If so, how many additional staff will be provided?
3. Given the commitment of the Government to Light Rail, why is the Light Rail Taskforce still temporarily funded?

SUZANNE ORR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The specific resourcing of the Office of the Work Health and Safety Commissioner is subject to Mid-Year Review Budget considerations.
2. As Above
3. Temporary funding was provided to WorkSafe ACT for three inspectors to ensure appropriate regulatory oversight of the construction and operational phases of the first stage of Light Rail. The funding for these inspectors was staggered to provide appropriate levels of coverage during peak construction and operational periods (funding for three years for one inspector, funding for two years for another and one year's funding for the third inspector). Two of the inspectors (where the temporary funding has expired) have gained permanent positions within WorkSafe ACT. The third position is still occupied by an inspector and WorkSafe ACT is working with the person and the CPSU to transition the person into another position within WorkSafe ACT once the temporary funding arrangements expire. No decision has been made on the funding or requirements for inspectors for subsequent stages of light rail.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs

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By the Minister for Employment and Workplace Safety, Suzanne Orr MLA