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**Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
9 November 2017**

Asked by MR PETTERSSON:

In relation to:

MR PETTERSSON: In terms of the report, I had some queries on how the information is presented. Why are major events included in the same count as targeted audit activity? So on page 42 of the report, it is the third paragraph down, I guess. 1,933 workplace inspections for events and proactive campaigns. Why are major events and proactive campaigns in the same number?

Mr Jones: I guess they are all part of a proactive program. We have I guess two types of inspections. One is a reactive where there is a complaint or an incident where we have skilled inspectors that would go out into the field, investigate a complaint or an incident and we have the proactive, the preventative side.

The events fall into that proactive side, so that we do not have a complaint but we go out there; we know that there is a higher risk, given the crowd densities and the way that I guess some of the people that set up these stalls, they are like, you know, pop-up stalls for a weekend or a short period and so often the bump in is quite quick or sort of late the night before, because a lot of the people actually travel round or some from interstate and so there are risks in having things that are dismantled and put up all the time. So they are part of that proactive program so they have combined into, I guess, that proactive inspection program.

MR PETTERSSON: Maybe take this one as a bit more of a comment, but maybe separate that out because—

Mr Peffer: Dave Peffer, Acting Chief Executive of the Suburban Land Agency. Mr Pettersson, as the Commissioner explained, because of the nature of the inspections they are, in fact, proactive so I am not sure how we would separately classify that. So it is either reactive—so we are responding to something that has come in, either an incident or a complaint or some sort of injury—or it is proactive where there has not been a complaint or any sort of initiation of that event and so we are just doing the inspection.

MR PETTERSSON: Aren't you currently separating asbestos inspections?

Mr Jones: Yes, we—I mean, again that is a proactive program as well but they are identified separately.

MR PETTERSSON: But no, that is the point though. You can separate within proactive inspections the different types. So if you can do it for asbestos surely you can separate major events into their own category.



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Mr Jones: Look, we could do and I guess in the context of reporting the data within the CMTEDD annual report, I guess there is a limit to how much detail we can provide. Look, we can certainly provide—we do have data on that, clearly. We can provide that and it is a matter of whether it is—

THE CHAIR: Are you able to break that down for, you know, sort of this next year's annual report but if you want that information are you able to provide that on notice as a breakdown so that there is more information for Mr Pettersson?

Mr Jones: Yes, it depends what you—if you are after that now we can provide that. We can take that on notice and provide that.

MR PETTERSSON: Take it on notice but also just take it as a comment because the more detail, the better for us.

Mr Jones: Sure, sure.

MINISTER RAMSAY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

In 2016/17, 954 major events inspections were conducted.

The total so far, from 1 July 2017 to 31 October 2017, is 294 inspections at major events.

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