

Estimates Committee 2005

Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Sustainable Communities - Pool Fencing

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Question: Following the issue of the inspector who failed to inspect pool fences in a manner required, a number of pool fences that had been approved had to be re-inspected. How many re-inspections were necessary? How long did this take? At what cost to the Territory taxpayers?

Answer:

Answered On: 21/07/2005

Answer: The Water Safety Branch has reinspected 401 properties out of 403. The remaining two property owners have not responded to letters sent by the Branch. These reinspections were carried out over a twelve month period. The length of time was mainly due to difficulty in accessing these properties, as a large percentage have transferred have new owners. With regards to the cost of the reinspection, a letter of demand has been forwarded to the ex-pool inspector for the amount of \$390,000. This amount has been calculated based on an assessment of the cost to rectify negligent work and includes man hours to reinspect (Pool Safety Adviser) and rectification of any negligent work.