

Question on Notice
No. 780
Asked on 25 May 2005

MR LANGBROEK ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (MS BLIGH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Australian Standard 3000:2000 (The Wiring Rules) in which there is no current requirement for the mandatory installation of electrical safety switches into non-domestic installations, yet there are legislative requirements for public facilities such as schools to undertake regular testing of electrical appliances and equipment as a practical and acceptable alternative to compulsory safety switches—

Will she advise the total number of State primary and high schools that (a) had testing of electrical appliances and equipment undertaken in 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 (year-to-date) [reported separately] and (b) did not have testing of electrical appliances and equipment undertaken in 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 (year-to-date) [reported separately]?

ANSWER:

All schools are required to carry out testing of electrical equipment and appliances in accordance with the *Electrical Safety Regulation 2002*.

Schools may utilise the services of QBuild, private contractors or carry out testing themselves provided they have a “competent person” on staff.