

**Question on Notice
No. 683
Asked on 11 May 2011**

Ms Bates asked the Minister for Government Services, Building Industry and Information and Communication Technology (MR FINN)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the use of apprentices engaged in reconstruction efforts:

- (1) How many apprentices in each region are working in reconstruction projects?
- (2) How many of these apprentices (by region) are trained in asbestos management?
- (3) What are the reasons for not providing asbestos management training to apprentices working on reconstruction projects?

ANSWER:

- (1) The number of apprentices currently working on reconstruction projects in the various regional centres are as follows:

Brisbane	Nil
South Coast	Nil
Sunshine Coast	Nil
Darling Downs	Nil
Wide Bay Burnett	Three apprentices in the Kingaroy/Gayndah area
Capricornia	One apprentice in the Theodore area
Whitsunday	Nil
Burdekin	Nil
Cape York	Nil
Far West	Nil

There are few apprentices working on reconstruction projects. At the height of the reconstruction efforts field staff, including apprentices, were required to hold the appropriate licensing requirements.

- (2) The QBuild apprentices from the Wide Bay Burnett region working on reconstruction projects are all holders of the B Class Asbestos Containing Material Licence.

The QBuild apprentice from the Capricornia region is under 18 years of age and has undertaken asbestos awareness training.

- (3) There are no QBuild apprentices working on reconstruction projects that are without the relevant level of asbestos training.

QBuild has implemented a policy where apprentices over the age of 18 years are provided the opportunity to acquire a B Class Asbestos Removal Certificate following practical asbestos training. In 2011, QBuild apprentices under the age of 18 years received asbestos awareness training as part of their induction.