

## National Workplace Inspector Training and Development Reference Group



### 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008 Forum

Representatives from most jurisdictions met in Darwin to

- Provide updates on activities concerning inspector training and professional development
- Share learning resources and ideas
- Workshop concepts for improved learning processes, systems and outcomes.

All jurisdictions are now involved in the delivery of training to enable Inspectors to achieve nationally recognized qualifications, with a focus on the Diploma of Government (Workplace Inspection) and the Diploma of Government (Investigation).

The table below indicates current progress: Qualifications issued / (currently enrolled)

Jurisdiction	Diploma of Government (Workplace Inspection)	Diploma of Government (Investigation)	Advanced Diploma of Government (Workplace Inspection)	Certificate IV in Government	Certificate IV in Government (Investigation)
Tas	23 / (30)	-	-	1	23 / (30)
Vic	170 / (30)	- / (31)	-	-	-
ACT	25	-	-	20	3
NSW	81 / (31)	-	3 / (70)	-	-
Qld	149	-	- / (1)	-	-
SA	38	- / (20)	2 (14)	-	-
NT	- / (15)	-	-	-	-
WA*	-	-	-	-	-
Comcare	1	14 / (23)	-	1	7

\* Data not yet available

### **HREOC Training for Inspectors**

Representatives considered the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) Workability report published in 2006. The issue of possible specific training for Inspectors regarding safety considerations for people with disabilities was referred to the group for advice.

It was agreed that there was not a need for specific training in this topic. It was a matter for employers and perhaps business advisory officers could clarify issues with employers.

### **IALI Conference – Debrief / Planning for OHS Inspectors Forum – Nov 2008**

The group considered that as a result of the interaction at IAL in March 2008, it would be useful to invite our NZ counterparts to participate in NWITDRG forums.

Representatives workshopped an agenda for the OHS Inspectors Forum scheduled for November 2008 in Melbourne. The final proposal was provided to the WorkSafe Vic Conference organiser.

### **E-Learning**

Opportunities for a national project based on the e-learning platform developed by the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) were identified. Ted (Tasmania) has agreed to lead this project.

### **Evaluation Processes for Training**

The group shared and discussed evaluation methodology and exchanged relevant documentation for level 1 training evaluation.

### **Electronic DG Resources**

Meagan and Jane (Victoria) demonstrated a new DG software resource developed by WorkSafe (Vic). This was considered to be a very useful tool to assist Inspectors in the field.

### **Queensland Representative**

Graham Klausen has announced his retirement from the DEIR (Qld). The NWITDRG formally thanked Graham for his contribution to the group and the support he has provided to the group's progress over the last few years. Graham highlighted the good work this group has achieved and the benefits gained for all jurisdictions from this networking.

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