



Office of **Energy**

## Office of *ENERGY* WA

# *Electrical* FOCUS

### **Apprentice Safety Seminars**

Staff of the Office of Energy recently conducted several safety and information seminars for first year electrical apprentices and their parents and supervisors.

At the Seminars, the Chief Electrical Inspector and the Manager Regulatory Services presented information on the electrical licensing system, safe work practices and relevant legislative requirements.

The Seminars provided an opportunity to also address some of the difficult issues that electrical apprentices face, such as aspects of on-the-job and off-the-job training, levels of supervision and how to get help and guidance during the course of an apprenticeship.

The Seminars were well attended by an interested and enthusiastic audience.

It is intended to conduct future Seminars on an annual basis, in both metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas, for the benefit of apprentices entering the electrical industry.

#### **Fluke Announces Safety Notice and Recall of the Fluke T2 Electrical Tester**

Fluke Corporation recently announced a potential product malfunction in the Fluke T2 Electrical Tester. The Safety Notice includes all T2 units manufactured and shipped before September 1999, with serial numbers lower than 74165430 and includes the T2 instruments involved in a previous Safety Notice dated November 1998.

For further details of the Safety Notice and recall, please visit the website:

***[www.fluke.com/whats new/ProductNo/](http://www.fluke.com/whats_new/ProductNo/)***

### **Submitting Notices**

Recent disciplinary interviews conducted by the Electrical Licensing Board identified some trends with electrical contractors and electrical workers that need to be corrected:

#### **Pre-Signing of Notices**

There have been many instances in which an electrical worker or electrical contractor has pre-signed a Notice of Completion on the understanding that the relevant electrical installing work will be completed at some time in the near future. Typically the work has not been completed, over-enthusiastic office staff submit the Notice, resulting in a potentially dangerous situation. This is a serious breach of the *Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991* and such instances will involve disciplinary action by the Board.

#### **In-House Electrical Installing Work**

The *Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991* allow for an In-House Electrical Installing Work Licence to be issued to employers who employ electrical workers to carry out electrical installing work on premises owned, leased or occupied by that employer. The Board has investigated several instances where such electrical workers have carried out electrical installing work on premises not owned by their employer. This is in breach of the *Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991*.

Employers who hold an In-House Electrical Installing Work Licence must ensure that their electrical workers perform electrical installing work only on the employer's premises.

Furthermore, there is an obligation for electrical workers working under an In-House Electrical Installing Work Licence to ensure that they only carry out electrical installing work at their employer's premises.

An electrical worker will require an electrical contractor's licence to carry out electrical installing work not covered by an In-House Electrical Installing Work Licence.

**PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACHES OF  
THE ELECTRICITY (LICENSING) REGULATIONS 1991  
1 July 1999 to 31 October 1999**

<i>Breach</i>	<i>Name (and suburb of residence at time of offence)</i>	<i>Licence No.</i>	<i>Fine &amp; Court Costs (\$)</i>
<i>Unlicensed electrical work Regulation 19</i>	<i>R Bedford (Margaret River)</i>	<i>EW 122489</i>	<i>459.00</i>
	<i>P Flick (Kununurra)</i>	<i>EW 114261</i>	<i>100.00 *</i>
	<i>T Grapes (Bunbury)</i>	<i>EW 128450</i>	<i>1 045.00</i>
	<i>A J Melling (Leeming)</i>	<i>NLH</i>	<i>501.00</i>
	<i>J Weyers (Florida)</i>	<i>NLH</i>	<i>1 169.00 **</i>
<i>Carried on business as an electrical contractor without a licence Regulation 33</i>	<i>P Flick (Kununurra)</i>	<i>EW 114261</i>	<i>0.00 *</i>
	<i>J Weyers (Florida)</i>	<i>NLH</i>	<i>0.00 **</i>
<i>Advertising without displaying their electrical contractor licence number Regulation 45</i>	<i>D Nowland T/A Sparlon Electrical (Leonora)</i>	<i>EC 001054</i>	<i>1 075.00</i>
<i>Substandard electrical work Regulation 49</i>	<i>J Chapman (Huntingdale)</i>	<i>EW 105880</i>	<i>1 365.00</i>
	<i>D Di Prinzio (Morley)</i>	<i>EW 119388</i>	<i>2 185.00</i>
	<i>P Flick (Kununurra)</i>	<i>EW 114261</i>	<i>0.00 *</i>
	<i>D Hotchin (Merriwa)</i>	<i>EW 106180</i>	<i>945.00</i>
	<i>S Marchant (Manning)</i>	<i>EW 114398</i>	<i>751.00</i>
	<i>S Pearce (Glen Forrest)</i>	<i>EW 115355</i>	<i>2 185.00</i>
	<i>N Peberdy (Kelmscott)</i>	<i>EW 129170</i>	<i>615.00</i>
	<i>J Rowe (Yangebup)</i>	<i>EW 114604</i>	<i>3 185.00</i>
<i>Failed to submit a Notice of Completion Regulation 52</i>	<i>M Van Der Meer (Padbury)</i>	<i>EW 103501</i>	<i>459.00</i>
	<i>S Marchant T/A March Electrical (Manning)</i>	<i>EC 002893</i>	<i>500.00</i>
	<i>S Pearce T/A SGP Electrical (Glen Forrest)</i>	<i>EC 003248</i>	<i>500.00</i>

NLH No Licence Held

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**Western Power's Electrical Inspectors Have Moved ...**

Western Power's metropolitan-based electrical inspectors have relocated to an office in Belmont. The inspectorate, including the Revenue Protection Section, now operates from this one metropolitan location. This new arrangement should result in improved efficiencies for Western Power's inspection function.

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Note that contact details of inspectors in regional locations, including Rockingham, remain unchanged.