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Playground Inspection Protection

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Policy Section
Division Of WH&S
Logan Office
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Qld 4114

Re: Current Status Of Commercial Playground Equipment In Relation To WH&S

Dear Sir/Madam

Playground Inspection Protection Supplies training for inspectors of playground equipment in public parks, schools, childcare centres. That training covers Australian Standards for playgrounds and playground equipment, but also covers WH&S related issues.

Up till now, we have been using the information statement on Division letterhead dated June 1996 (copy attached), as the basis for determining what role WH&S has in the inspection and maintenance of playground equipment.

Questions

1. Is public playground equipment still designated as “plant” under WH&S?
2. When is a playground, or playground equipment, considered a workplace under WH&S?
 - a. Is a school or childcare centre playground a workplace when teachers are supervising children at play?
 - b. Do children do “work”, and if so, does that “work” include play?

We would appreciate a considered response in writing so that we can use it to inform Council officers at our training courses, of the correct classification and their obligations under WH&S.

Thank you in advance for your response

Yours Sincerely

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