

Semi-structured interview schedule

OH&S and Ergonomics – its role, importance, context (points B)

1. Do you think there is a clear understanding of what constitutes occupational health and safety at abattoirs in the Western Cape?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
Is there a clear understanding of OH&S	1	2	3	1

2. Do abattoirs make adequate provision for incorporating the principles of ergonomics into the work environment of meat inspectors?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
Ergonomics incorporated into work environment	1	2	3	2

Work Environment – physical elements, factors affecting design and layout (point D)

3. In your opinion, do you believe that the design and layout of high throughput red meat abattoirs make provision for different meat inspection areas?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
Provision for different meat inspection areas	1	2	3	3

4. In your view, do you think that meat inspectors have sufficient floor space available to perform meat inspection duties?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
Meat inspectors have sufficient floor space	1	2	3	4

Workload and Patterns – operations, breaks, long hours (points E, F)

5. Do you think that meat inspectors operate within a highly paced work environment?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
Meat inspectors work in highly paced environment	1	2	3	5

6. Do meat inspectors perform physically demanding work that is associated with long hours?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
Physically demanding work with long hours	1	2	3	6

Monitoring and Reporting – awareness, occurrence and prevention (point B, C)

7. Do abattoirs have a system in place to accommodate for the reporting of ergonomic hazards by meat inspectors?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
System in place for reporting of hazards	1	2	3	7

8. In your view, are ergonomic hazards to meat inspectors adequately monitored at abattoirs?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
Are ergonomic hazards adequately monitored	1	2	3	8

9. Do you think abattoirs take sufficient steps to prevent the occurrence or re-occurrence of ergonomic hazards to meat inspectors?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
Steps taken to prevent occurrence of hazards	1	2	3	9

Liability

10. In your opinion, do you think that abattoirs have taken sufficient steps to reduce their potential liability to the impact of ergonomic hazards?

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
Steps to reduce liability to impact of hazards	1	2	3	10