

## Not a lot to report

The top of this newsletter looks a little different to those earlier in the series because the Department has insisted that we should not use the Departmental Logo because people might think that they support our views and opinions.

Given the content of many newsletters I don't think that too many would be fooled - however, we are quite happy to oblige because the last thing we would want is for members to think that our newsletter is some sort of Departmental propaganda.

The National Health & Safety Committee met in Wellington today, and I and Jim Brooks attended on your behalf.

You will probably have been aware of the survey currently taking place on footwear. We looked at a report on the findings which was quite interesting.

It showed that while there is a great deal of similarity in practices throughout the Country, there are also huge differences. One of the greatest would be the dollars allowed for boots. For safety boots it was reported that -

9% allowed less than \$100  
18% allowed between \$100 and \$150  
33% allowed between \$150 and \$250  
31% allowed between \$250 and \$400  
And 9% over \$400

Obviously different people need different boots for different locations and different conditions, but it is very apparent that the policy of price and quality is anything but constant throughout the Country.

It is hoped that a standard policy will be circulated throughout the Department in the next few months covering all Footwear.



We're not sure if this is white-baiting on the west coast or if he's inspecting the guard rails. Can you spot the hazard?