

WORKCOVER, INCORPORATION INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND CONSUMER
PROTECTION

309. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations

I refer the Minister to the Government's stated intervention to incorporate WorkCover into the new Department of Employment and Consumer Protection, and ask -

- (a) has the Minister received advice from the independent statutory body known as the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Commission on the Government's proposal;
- (b) if so, was this advice in writing;
- (c) if so, will the Minister table this advice;
- (d) if not, why not; and
- (e) if the advice was verbal, who delivered this advice, and will the Minister outline the advice?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

- (a) Yes.
- (b)-(d) It is not appropriate to table this submission at this time. The Machinery of Government Taskforce has received a range of submissions on this issue and it would not be prudent to assess one submission in isolation.
- (e) Not applicable.