

CRANE INDUSTRY SAFETY COMMITTEE, CAUSES OF INCIDENTS LEADING TO ESTABLISHMENT

612. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to the report on crane safety, chaired by Tony Cooke, and ask -

- (a) will the Minister provide details of the specific incidents leading to the formation of the Crane Industry Safety Committee;
- (b) will the Minister provide copies of the Worksafe reports relating to each of these incidents, in particular, the cause of each incident;
- (c) has Worksafe conducted their own inquiry into Crane Industry Safety on WA building sites; and
- (d) if so, will the Minister release a copy of this report?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) The reporting over a four week period in May 2002, of the following four incidents involving cranes, prompted the formation of the Crane Safety Standards Working Group:
 - (i) On 3 May 2002, a mobile crane in Malaga tipped whilst erecting a concrete panel;
 - (ii) On 14 May 2002, a mobile crane in Warnbro tipped whilst loading a concrete panel onto a truck;
 - (iii) On 17 May 2002, a self-erecting tower crane in East Perth collapsed when counterweights were removed with the boom extended; and
 - (iv) On 30 May 2002, the wheels of a mobile crane in Mindarie went through a soakwell lid, causing the crane to tip over.
- (b) As WorkSafe Division is finalising investigations into each of these incidents, it is not appropriate to provide further details of the incidents or the investigations at this time.
- (c) No
- (d) Not Applicable