

EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS SUPPORT SCHEME

74. Mrs EDWARDES to the Minister for Labour Relations:

- (1) I refer the minister to the federal Government's Employee Entitlement Support Scheme and ask what option or options is the Government considering in respect to employees who lose their entitlements when their employer goes into bankruptcy or liquidation?
- (2) Do any of the options under consideration involve a State taxpayer funded scheme?
- (3) Do any of the options under consideration involve the employers paying an extra levy or other such impost into a fund or scheme of some description?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

- (1) The Government strongly supports the protection of employee entitlements in the event of employer insolvency and is committed to ensuring that employees who find themselves in these situations are treated fairly. The Government has received some preliminary advice but is awaiting more comprehensive advice from the Department of Productivity and Labour Relations which is considering a number of options to address the issue.
- (2)-(3) Yes, as the range of options being considered is comprehensive.