

LIQUOR WHOLESALING INDUSTRY, WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUM RATES INCREASE

**1533. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the minister representing the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection:**

- (1) Is the minister aware that the liquor wholesaling industry is facing an increase of more than 146 per cent in premium rates for workers compensation?
- (2) Does the minister support liquor wholesaler association claims that the increase sanctioned by the Premium Rates Committee is a mistake based on a claim from outside the liquor wholesaling industry?
- (3) As the rate increase is due to come into effect on 30 June 2002 - just a few days away - will the minister act urgently to correct this apparent mistake and advise the minister accordingly?

**Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS replied:**

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No evidence has been provided to support this observation.
- (3) The matter is under investigation.