

STATE WAGE CASE DECISION, IMPACT ON MINIMUM WAGES FOR ADULT APPRENTICES

**869. Mrs C.L. EDWARDES to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I have a supplementary question. Would the minister support an application to the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund; and if that is not possible as no board is in place, will the minister make the final decision?

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:**

The member is right to some degree: the board is about to be changed, but a board is in place and it will meet again, I believe, on 30 June under its current chairman. Under the previous Government, the Minister for Employment and Training, the then member for Riverton, overhauled the training fund to construct it in a way that he believed was more independent. The board has that independence at the moment, and that independence will continue under this Government. The board can make a decision based on the application before it. I will follow that up.