

CRANE INDUSTRY REVIEW, INDUSTRIES COVERED

1884. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to the Crane Industry Review, chaired by Mr Tony Cooke and ask -

- (a) is the Minister aware that Mr Kim Young of the CFMEU called for the review to cover all cranes in all industries;
- (b) does the Minister support this call by Mr Young; and
- (c) if yes, what industries would be included in this review?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) Yes. Subsequent to the release of the Crane Safety Standards Report, Mr Kim Young of the CFMEU sought to extend the application of proposed crane regulations to all workplaces.
- (b) The Crane Safety Standards Working Group was established after a number of serious accidents involving cranes on building and construction sites in Western Australia. Workplaces other than building and construction were not represented on the Working Group, and the resulting Crane Safety Report and Recommendations to improve safety standards focused on the building and construction industry. The Review, and implementation of its recommendations, was only intended to apply to building and construction sites. However, implementation of the recommendations will undoubtedly influence safety standards across all workplaces, and should not in any way infer a reduction in such safety standards in other sectors of industry.
- (c) Not applicable.