

LABOUR RELATIONS REFORM BILL 2002, IMPACT

**733. Mrs EDWARDES to the Treasurer:**

I ask a supplementary question. Given the Treasurer's answer, will he instruct his department to undertake an economic analysis to take into account the impact of the new labour relations reform package, particularly the increased costs for new government buildings?

**Mr RIPPER replied:**

We will take into account trends in the cost of construction of new government buildings and other trends in the economy when we make our economic forecasts and develop assumptions for the budget and forward estimates. We will base the analysis on reputable comment, not on partisan posturing in the context of an industrial relations debate.