

BUILDING INDUSTRY, NEW SAFETY RULES

1827. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing and Works

I refer the Minister to *The West Australian* dated 14 May 2003 titled, 'New safety rules rile builders' and ask -

- (a) has the Minister instigated a review of the implementation of the new Occupational Health and Safety rules requiring successful tenderers to have a WorkSafe certificate and the way they were implemented by the previous Minister;
- (b) if not, why not;
- (c) has the Minister sought advice that this requirement is contrary to the 1994 Code of Tendering and therefore a possible breach of the Code of Practice for the Building and Construction Industry in WA;
- (d) if not, why not; and
- (e) what is the Government's current position in respect to this change of tendering requirements?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a) No
- (b) The requirement has been suspended pending development of an enhanced approach to Occupational Safety and Health, tailored to the specific requirements of the Western Australian construction industry. The Department of Housing and Works will develop this approach in consultation with representatives from the construction industry.
- (c) No
- (d) See (b) above
- (e) See (b) above