

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LABOUR ADVISORY COUNCIL, ESTABLISHMENT

1487. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Premier

I refer to an article in *The Australian* newspaper on Tuesday 29 April 2003 under the heading 'Brawls to spoil union love-fest' and ask –

- (a) is it correct that a Western Australian Labour Advisory Council has been established;
- (b) if so, what is the origin of the Council;
- (c) if so, who are the members;
- (d) when did the Council hold its first meeting;
- (e) how often will these meetings be held;
- (f) what is the purpose of these meetings;
- (g) are minutes being kept of these meetings;
- (h) is it correct that one objective of the Council is to give the union movement greater input into decisions made by the Government;
- (i) why was no public announcement made about the formation of the Council;
- (j) will a public statement be issued after each Council meeting;
- (k) if not, why not; and
- (l) is the establishment of this Council along the lines of Recommendation 15 of the National Committee of Review Report August 2002 by Hawke and Wran, and where it is stated that 'Labor MPs should respond directly to local unionists priorities' and support the role of local union activities.'?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

The WA Labour Advisory Council is convened by the State Secretary of the Australian Labor Party and questions about the Council should be directed to the Party's office.