

CRANE ACCIDENT, INVESTIGATION

1886. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to the crane accident on the corner of Milligan and Hay Streets on 15 March 2003 and ask -

- (a) has an investigation been conducted into the cause of this accident;
- (b) did the investigation look at the history of the crane's use, prior to the placement at the Clough site;
- (c) if not, why not;
- (d) will the Minister confirm that the crane involved in the accident was previously located at the CFMEU training centre at Welshpool;
- (e) if that is the case, was the crane used for training purposes;
- (f) during this training, how many times was the crane assembled and disassembled;
- (g) was the crane certified as safe and ready to use, when it was removed from the training centre;
- (h) if not, why not;
- (i) if yes, who certified the crane as safe to use; and
- (j) if the previous working history of the crane has not been investigated, will the Minister direct that the crane's history be examined?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) Yes.
- (f) The number of times was not recorded; it is unknown by WorkSafe and the owners of the crane.
- (g) No.
- (h) A crane is not required to be certified as safe prior to it being taken down and removed. It must, however, be inspected by a competent person when re-erected before being used. Such an inspection was undertaken on the crane in question.
- (i) A competent person from a private sector company inspected the crane and certified it safe to use.
- (j) Answered by (b).