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INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LEGISLATION, DISCLOSURE OF EMPLOYEE'S DETAILS, ACTION AGAINST UNION OFFICIAL

206. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to the Labour Relations Reform Act 2002 and ask -

- (a) under what provisions of the Act is the Minister able to take action against a union official who makes an inappropriate disclosure of an employee's private details of his employment; and
- (b) what is the penalty?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

(a)-(b) Section 49J(5) of the Industrial Relation Act 1979 provides that the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission, upon application by any person, may revoke or suspend an authorised representative's authority if satisfied that the authorised representative has acted in an improper manner in the exercise of any power conferred by the relevant provisions of the Act.