

MR DAUBE, APPOINTMENT, PREMIER'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1329. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Health

I refer the Minister to the media statement of the Premier on 16 March 2001 entitled 'State Government releases new Ministerial code of conduct' and ask -

- (a) is it correct that the Premier stated that where a real or potential conflict of interest was determined, Ministers would be required to withdraw from the Cabinet room while the item was being discussed;
- (b) in view of his long-time friendship with Mr Mike Daube who was recently appointed to the Director General position of the Health Department of Western Australia, did the Minister seek advice as to determine whether this constituted a real or potential conflict of interest;
- (c) if not, why not;
- (d) if the Minister did not seek advice, did he withdraw in any case;
- (e) if not, why not;
- (f) if the Minister did seek advice did he withdraw from the Cabinet room during deliberations over the appointment; and
- (g) if not, why not?

Mr KUCERA replied:

- (a) Yes
- (b) Yes
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A
- (f) No
- (g) There was not considered to be any conflict of interest.