

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LEGISLATION, ADVERTISEMENTS, SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

613. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Small Business

I refer the Minister to the 'Labour Relations and Your Business' advertisements by the Government of Western Australia and the Small Business Development Corporation, in *The West Australian* on Saturday, 16 November 2002 and ask: -

- (a) did the Western Australian Government or the Small Business Development Corporation pay for the advertisement;
- (b) if the advertisement was paid for, either wholly or partly, by the Small Business Development Corporation, what was the cost;
- (c) what is the total advertising budget for the Small Business Development Corporation;
- (d) what percentage of this budget will be allocated to advertising the changes to the Labour Relations system;
- (e) will any of these costs be met by any other Government department or agency;
- (f) has any money been allocated from the Small Business Development Corporation's budget to investigate the impact of the Labour Relations changes on employment in small business and the tourism industries;
- (g) if so, how much; and
- (h) if not, why not?

Mr C.M. BROWN replied:

Small Business Development Corporation

- (a) Yes.
- (b) \$1053 excluding GST.
- (c) The marketing budget (including advertising) for 2002-2003 is \$496 000.
- (d) \$50 000 or 10.08 per cent has been allocated to marketing of the Small Business Labour Relations Transition Service.
- (e) No.
- (f) No.
- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) At this time, budget funds available have been directed towards ensuring as smooth a transition as possible to the new labour relations system by small business.