

UNIONS, RIGHT OF ENTRY TO WORK SITES, BGC CONSTRUCTION CORRESPONDENCE

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

I refer the Minister to correspondence addressed to the Department from BGC Construction, dated 1 October 2002, asking for advice on whether the unions have a legitimate right-of-entry authority to attend some sites to incite a strike in support of a protest rally on 2 October 2002 against the Cole Royal Commission and ask what was the Minister's response to this request?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

I did not respond to this correspondence. The correspondence was addressed to the Building Industry and Special Projects Inspectorate (BISPI), which responded to the company's enquiry. I am advised BISPI informed BGC Construction that the Industrial Relations Act does not define the subject matter of discussions for the purposes of right of entry. Any question about whether authorised union representatives can or cannot use discussions to enlist support for a protest is a matter for the WA Industrial Relations Commission to decide.