

INTERNET SKILLS TRAINING, ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

196. Mrs C.L. EDWARDES to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection:

I have a supplementary question. Is the minister aware that staff at the training information centre are unaware of the advertising campaign encouraging people to telephone the centre for information, and are therefore unable to provide assistance to the 14 per cent of people referred to by the minister who have responded to the advertisement, other than to advise them to phone a technical and further education centre?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

No, I am not aware of that. However, that rides on top of the very successful first-click community-based program from which community organisations have been able to get funding to run programs to introduce people to computers and the Internet. That program has been highly successful and I will look into it if there is an issue with people responding to it. As I indicated earlier, it was remiss of whoever organised the advertising campaign. However, the minister, who is careful about doing the right thing, would not fall into the trap that the Leader of the Opposition and the member for Nedlands set for themselves by blatantly flouting the health requirements in place. Those are the standards from the Opposition that totally flout the required health regulations in this State.