

EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS SUPPORT SCHEME

71. Mrs EDWARDES to the Minister for Labour Relations:

- (1) What is the Government position in respect to contributing to the federal Government's Employee Entitlements Support Scheme?
- (2) How many payments to employees have been made in Western Australia since the scheme began, which companies employed these employees, and how much has been received by these employees?
- (3) Are there other employees from companies presently under consideration, and if so how many and to what dollar amount?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

- (1) The Government has not agreed to participate in the federal Government's Employee Entitlements Support Scheme.
- (2) The federal Government reports that as at 31 March 2001, a total of \$319 924 has been paid in respect to 176 employees in Western Australia since the Employee Entitlements Support Scheme commenced operation on 1 January 2000. The Government does not have access to information regarding which companies employed these employees. However, some limited information is contained in the Employee Entitlements Support Scheme - Year One Activity Report released by the federal Government in January 2001.
- (3) The Government is not privy to such details.