

CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING CENTRE, FUNDING

730. Mrs C.L. EDWARDES to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer the minister to the Cole royal commission report, which raised concerns about funding the Construction Skills Training Centre and ask -

As the custodian of departmental funds, will the minister instigate an investigation into the CSTC concerning the Australian National Training Authority capital grant of \$1 million made in 1998 through his department on the basis of what is now known as wrong information about the revenues that the CSTC was to receive through the training levy and that it was, and I quote -

a deliberate course of conduct designed to protect the union's interest (i.e. the CFMEU) and ensure that if the CSTC was not viable the grant made by ANTA would not have to be repaid for the benefit of any other training organisation.

Although the investigation might have been done in 1998, this is new information.

Mr A.J. Carpenter: Was the member for Kingsley the minister?

Mrs EDWARDES: Yes, I was and this minister should investigate it.

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

No. The member for Kingsley was the minister at the time. I am confident that the matters have since been rectified.