

FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION RULES, FEDERAL COURT CASE

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

I refer the Minister to the CFMEU's Federal Court Case No 417 of 1999, opposing the Federal Government's decision to uphold the Freedom of Association rules by withholding Federal funds for major construction projects, if those projects allow a union closed shop or prevent the use of individual contracts, and ask -

- (a) will or has Western Australia sought leave to intervene or join with the CFMEU in the above case; and
- (b) if so, what is the public interest in doing so and what is the likely cost of doing so to the people of Western Australia?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) The Government has not considered or sought leave to intervene.
- (b) Not applicable.