

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LEGISLATION, AMENDMENTS

308. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations

I refer the Minister to the proposed amendments to the Industrial Relations Act 1979 and Workplace Agreements Act 1993, outlined in Labor's Industrial Relations Direction Statement, and ask -

- (a) have drafting instructions been completed for all of those proposed amendments;
- (b) if not, which amendments have drafting instructions;
- (c) which amendments and drafting instructions have received Cabinet approval;
- (d) will the Minister table a copy of the drafting instructions;
- (e) if not, why not;
- (f) has industry, or anyone from the business sector been consulted on the drafting instructions?
- (g) if so, whom;
- (h) has Unions WA or anyone from the Union Movement been consulted on the drafting instructions;
- (i) if so, whom;
- (j) who prepared the drafting instructions;
- (k) has the drafting of the amendments commenced;
- (l) if so, who is drafting the amendments, and who is supervising the drafting;
- (m) how many Bills are currently being prepared;
- (n) when do you expect to introduce the Bill(s) into the Parliament;
- (o) will Industry or any of its members be consulted on the draft legislation prior to its introduction into Parliament; and
- (p) will Unions WA or any member(s) of the Union Movement be consulted on the draft legislation prior to its introduction into Parliament?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

- (a)-(m) Drafting instructions for legislation and their development are part of the Cabinet process and, as such, cannot be made available.
- (n) In the Spring Session of Parliament.
- (o)-(p) All major stakeholders will be consulted when a bill has been drafted.