

BUILDING TRADES, LICENSING

2241. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to the answer to question on notice No. 1509 of 2002 and ask -

- (a) since February 2002, has the Minister received any approaches or requests from the 'Building Trades Licensing Group', or similar organisation, proposing a licensing regime for building trades;
- (b) what was the Minister's response and, if in writing, will the Minister table a copy of the correspondence;
- (c) does the Minister propose to introduce a licensing regime for building trades; and
- (d) if yes, which respective trades does the Minister propose to licence and why?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) Yes. I have received a proposal from the Building Trades Licensing Group (BTLG).
- (b) In summary, I advised the BTLG that before the Government could fully consider its proposal, a number of issues need to be addressed and evidence provided to support its proposal.

Having summarised my response, in this instance, I do not believe that it is necessary or appropriate to table correspondence involving a private member of the community.
- (c) No. In the absence of evidence which confirms the need, I do not propose to introduce a licensing regime for building trades.
- (d) Not applicable.