

ENTERPRISE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS, PUBLICATION ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
COMMISSION WEB SITE

1425. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to his answer to question on notice No. 1325 regarding the publication of EBAs and ask: -

- (a) when does the Industrial Relations Commission Registrar expect to begin publication of the full text of EBAs' on the Commission's 'web' site;
- (b) why is the Commission unable to publish the full text of EBAs', to-date, when the Commission was able to publish full details of agreements prior to December 2002; and
- (c) is this an indication that the Industrial Relations Commission is under resourced for the duties that it now performs?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a)-(c) I am advised by the CEO of the Department of the Registrar, that while the Commission has published and can, within existing resources, publish the full text of EBAs on its website, it has decided not to.

I am advised that consequent upon the recent legislative change which removes the requirement to publish the full text of EBAs in the WA Industrial Gazette, the Commission has re-considered the resources needed to publish the full text of EBAs on its website. The Commission considers that because there is a very limited audience for the information, it is a more prudent use of resources to make a hard copy available at the registry for those limited occasions when the information is sought, rather than publish the information on the website.