

WORKING HOURS, REVIEW

81. Mrs EDWARDES to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training:

- (1) I refer the minister to the IFAP Safety WA Newsletter of Feb-March 2001 where it was reported that the minister will carry out “a full review of long working hours” and ask who is carrying out this review?
- (2) Has it commenced?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to commence?
- (4) How long is it expected to take?
- (5) What are the terms of reference?
- (6) How will industry be involved?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

- (1)-(6) The effects on health and safety of an employee working long shifts over extended periods is a serious issue across many industries in Western Australia including the mining industry. A review of this issue is part of Labour Party policy. The Government is currently examining a range of options as to how this might be implemented including the terms of reference, timing etc. which will be decided upon at the appropriate time.