

WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION, TIME LIMIT FOR AND ACCESS TO COMMON LAW
CLAIMS

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

I refer to the Government's proposed workers' compensation legislation and ask: -

- (a) is the intention to extend the six-month time limit for common law claims;
- (b) if so, to what period of time;
- (c) is the intention to expand the access to common law claims;
- (d) if so, how;
- (e) what are the actuarial costs to workers' compensation premiums of each of the above; and
- (f) is it proposed to restrict advertising of so-called 'ambulance chasing' lawyers?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a)-(f) The Government is finalising its position on changes to the workers' compensation system and will make them public when the process is completed.