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Mrs Cheryl Edwardes; Mr John Kobelke

CONSTRUCTION FORESTRY MINING AND ENERGY UNION, NO TICKET NO START

4. Mrs EDWARDES to the Minister for Labor Relations:

I have a supplementary question. The no ticket, no start requirement is a clear breach of freedom of association laws. Is it not true that the minister has not sought legal advice?

Point of Order

Ms McHALE: Members opposite should be aware that a supplementary question cannot be preambled by a statement. The member clearly is trying to make a statement.

The SPEAKER: The member is correct about that rule. However, I do not think the member strayed from it. I am sure her question will be more concise.

Questions Without Notice Resumed

Mrs EDWARDES: Is it not true that the freedom of association provisions are being breached by the no ticket, no start requirement?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

The member asking the question is a lawyer; I am not. My advice is that that is not the case. Freedom of association provisions encompass a range of matters beyond simply the placing of a sign on a work site.