

ASBESTOS, BUILDINGS ON CORNER OF WILLIAM AND MURRAY STREETS

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

I refer to the answer to question on notice No 201 and ask: -

- (a) within the last five years, has Worksafe issued any Notices or Work Orders or written any letters to the owners or managing agents of the buildings on the corner of William Street and Murray Street in respect to asbestos in these buildings;
- (b) if so, will the Minister table copies of those Notices, Work Orders or letters; and
- (c) what is the level of asbestos in these buildings?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) Yes. WorkSafe records indicate that as at 16 January 2003, three letters have been written to the owners/managing agents over the five year period. One improvement notice was written, however this was subsequently withdrawn due to a concern over its validity.
- (b) Yes
- (c) The level of asbestos in the buildings is typical for a building of this age where spray applied limpet asbestos was used to fireproof steel support beams. WorkSafe is continuing to liaise with the managing agents to ensure the risk is appropriately managed.