

WORKERS COMPENSATION, INSURERS' LOSS

533. Mr BROWN to the Minister for Labour Relations:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of an article that appeared in The West Australian on Saturday 15 July 2000 which reported that insurers have lost \$400M since the 1993 changes to the workers compensation system were introduced by the Coalition Government?
- (2) Is that article correct insofar as reporting the loss suffered by insurers?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (1) Yes
- (2) The report relates to claims made by insurers that they have lost \$400 million since the 1993 changes to the workers' compensation system. I can advise the Premium Rates Committee Actuary reported in May this year that insurers had incurred estimated cumulative losses from 1993 to 1999 of almost \$392 million as a result of their underwriting strategies.