

CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING CENTRE, CAPITAL GRANT PAID BY ANTA

3049. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Education and Training

I refer the Minister to the Cole Royal Commission findings on the Construction Skills Training Centre (CSTC) and ask -

- (a) has the Minister or his Department received a letter or letters from the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA) seeking information on the capital grant of \$996,561 paid to the Construction Skills Training Centre by ANTA on 6 July 1998, with the support of the Department of Training;
- (b) has the Minister or his Department responded to ANTA's letter and if so, what was the date of the response and will the Minister table a copy of those responses;
- (c) what action has the Minister or his Department taken to investigate the non disclosure in the grant application of the intention by the CSTC to divert EBA Training Levy Funds to the CFMEU and the subsequent 'loaning' of these funds back to the CSTC; and
- (d) would the Department of Training have supported the CSTC grant application if the information had been disclosed?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

- (a) The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Australian National Training Authority wrote to the Director General, Department of Education and Training on 4 July 2003. The Chief Executive Officer, Australian National Training Authority wrote to the Director General, Department of Education and Training on 20 August 2003 and 13 October 2003.
- (b) The Director General, Department of Education and Training wrote to the Chief Executive Officer, Australian National Training Authority on 8 September 2003, 31 October 2003 and 23 February 2004. I table a copy of those responses. [See paper No 3104.]
- (c) No action has been taken.
- (d) This question is hypothetical. The initial grant application was supported by the previous coalition government.