

UNION MEMBERSHIP, COMPULSORY

90. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations
- (1) Given the CFMEU's compulsory union membership campaign on construction sites
 - (2) Is the Government proposing to introduce the status of being 'a conscientious objector to union membership' under the Industrial Relations Act 1979?
 - (3) If so, does this not condone the CFMEU's industrial campaign for compulsory union membership?
 - (4) If not, then how does the Minister explain the Union Membership clause of the CFMEU's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement - the recognition of 'conscientious objection certificates' under relevant legislation?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

- (1)-(2) No.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) There is no provision for conscientious objection under the Industrial Relations Act 1979. Conscientious objection provisions are included in the Federal Workplace Relations Act, over which I have no jurisdiction.