

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LEGISLATION, DRAFTING, MR DEREK SCHAPPER

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

I refer the Minister to the Legislative Assembly Estimates Committee B, Supplementary Information Request No B39 and in particular to the appointment of Mr Derek Schapper, who received \$19,274.32 for services relating to drafting the State Government's Industrial Relations legislation and ask -

- (a) did any Minister of the Gallop Labor Government communicate with Mr Schapper to undertake the task;
- (b) if so, who were the Minister/s;
- (c) how was Mr Schapper chosen to undertake the task;
- (d) who appointed Mr Schapper;
- (e) on what date was Mr Schapper appointed to undertake the task;
- (f) who agreed to the amount of fees Mr Schapper would be paid;
- (g) who was consulted over the appointment of Mr Schapper; and
- (h) does the appointment of Mr Schapper reflect a lack of support and confidence with Parliamentary Drafting?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Mr Schapper was chosen on the basis of his experience and expertise in labour relations law. His selection to undertake the task was assessed and endorsed by the Ministerial Merit Panel.
- (d) The Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet on the recommendation of the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection and following assessment by the Ministerial Merit Panel.
- (e) 10 December 2001
- (f) The Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet following assessment by the Ministerial Merit Panel.
- (g) Policy advisers in the office of the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection were consulted.
- (h) No.