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[ASSEMBLY - Tuesday, 29 May 2001] p629b-629b Mrs Cheryl Edwardes; Mr John Kobelke

BUILDING INDUSTRY AND SPECIAL PROJECTS INSPECTORATE

- 68. Mrs EDWARDES to the Minister for Labour Relations:
- (1) In respect to the new Building Industry and Special Projects Inspectorate is there an instruction in place that when investigating illegal activity on building sites that the Police are not to be called in to jointly investigate?
- (2) If so, who issued this instruction?
- (3) Is it in writing, or was it verbal?
- (4) If so, will the minister table this instruction?
- (5) If not, what are the procedures and practices of the unit in working with Police on investigating illegal activity?
- (6) Who has been given the power to make the decision on prosecution of industrial matters?
- (7) In respect to other illegal activity on building sites, who will make the decision on prosecution?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

- (1) No.
- (2)-(4) Not applicable.
- (5) A liaison channel has been established between the Building Industry and Special Projects Inspectorate and the Police Service. When the Building Industry and Special Projects Inspectorate of DOPLAR is made aware of illegal activity, its role is to advise people to whom complaints can be referred within the Police Service. The Building Industry and Special Projects Inspectorate does not investigate matters that fall within the jurisdiction of the police.
- (6) The DOPLAR Executive Director of Fair Workplaces.
- (7) This would be a police matter and such questions should be directed to the Minister for Police.