

CRANE DRIVER TRAINING, CLAIMS OF FORMER INSPECTOR

2529. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to the ABC Online News of 9 Thursday 9 October 2003, titled 'Former inspector warns poor crane driver training may result in deaths' and ask -

- (a) have the claims of the former inspector, referred to in the article, been investigated;
- (b) if not, why not;
- (c) if the claims have been investigated, what was the result of that investigation;
- (d) will the allegation that assessors were 'warned of audits several days in advance' be referred to the independent investigator; and
- (e) if not, why not?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a)-(c) Concerns about assessment procedures have been addressed on an ongoing basis. Unlike other jurisdictions, Western Australia required training to be conducted by a Registered Training Organisation. New audit procedures for assessors were introduced in June 2003 and new regulations relating to the operation of cranes were introduced in October 2003. For some time WorkSafe Western Australia have been requesting a review of the National Certificate of Competency Standard. A decision to review the standard was taken by NOHSC at its meeting on 19 March 2004.
- (d)-(e) As advised in (a) WorkSafe auditing procedures have been reviewed recently and strengthened where necessary.