

CONSOLIDATED CONSTRUCTIONS, COLLAPSE

2657. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

Does the Premier accept any responsibility for the collapse of the longstanding, award winning company, Consolidated Constructions, the loss of wages to their workers, and the collapse of contractors and sub-contractors who are owed tens of thousands of dollars and who will be unable to pay their workers and suppliers?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

The Government is extremely concerned about the collapse of companies such as Consolidated Constructions and particularly the flow-on effect such a collapse has on sub-contractors and workers.

Consolidated Constructions is in the hands of an administrator. The Government is unaware of the business arrangements that brought about the company's operating difficulties. This is an issue the administrator will be dealing with.

The Gallop Government has created an environment that fosters a vibrant and progressive building industry. A feature article published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in December 2003 highlighted the impressive performance of the building industry during the term of the Gallop Government. The report indicated that between 2000/01 to 2002/03, the value of construction activity rose by an impressive 60.8%.