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EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE AGREEMENTS, DRAFTING ERRORS

1190. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to the registration of Employer Employee Agreements (EEA) and ask -

- (a) how many EEAs have been rejected because of drafting errors;
- (b) does the Industrial Relations Commission have a help desk to assist employers and employees in drafting an EEA; and
- (c) if not, why not?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) EEAs are not rejected for drafting errors, only a failure to comply with the legislative requirements.
- (b) Registration of EEAs is a matter for the Registrar, not the WA Industrial Relations Commission. The Registrar's staff provide information to persons, but do not advise on the drafting of documents.
- (c) It is not appropriate that the registering authority advise on the drafting of documents. However, Government departments such as the Small Business Development Corporation or the Labour Relations Division of the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection are available to provide advice on the drafting of EEAs