

WORKERS COMPENSATION, REVIEW

65. Mrs EDWARDES to the Minister for Labour Relations:
- (1) I refer to the previous minister's reference dated 21 December 2000, to the final recommendations from the Implementation Taskforce on the Insurance Arrangements Review and the Medical Costs Review to the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Commission, and ask has the commission put in place an implementation plan for any or all of the agreed administrative and legislative recommendations?
 - (2) If so, what is the time frame for implementation of these recommendations?
 - (3) If not, what is the delay?
 - (4) Has the commission completed their investigation and advice back to the minister on any or all of the recommendations relating to the following -
 - (a) Insurance Arrangements Review -
 - (i) Administrative Recommendations 4.1, 4.5, 5.1, A2 and 2.4.5; and
 - (ii) Legislative Recommendations 1, 1.2, 1.2.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.6, 3.4 and 3.5;
 - (b) Medical Costs Review -
 - (i) Administrative Recommendations 6 and 8; and
 - (ii) Legislative Recommendations 4 and 17?
 - (5) If not, what is the delay?
 - (6) If so, will the minister outline that advice and the Government's proposed action to be taken on that advice?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

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- (1) An evaluation of recommendations from the Review of Insurance Arrangements and the Review of Medical and Associated Costs and those outstanding from the Pearson Review is currently being undertaken by Mr Robert Guthrie in light of the Government's Policy Directions' Statement.
- (2) The time frame for implementing recommendations will be announced upon receipt of the report from Mr Guthrie.
- (3) See (2) above.
- (4)-(6) See (1) above.