

BUILDING INDUSTRY SPECIAL PROJECTS INSPECTORATE, BUILDING SITE ENTRY PERMITS FOR
UNION REPRESENTATIVES

2721. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to the Building Industry Special Projects Inspectorate (BISPI) and the issuing and revocation of 'entry permits' for union representatives to building sites and ask -

- (a) how many 'entry permits' have been issued to union representatives for entry to building sites;
- (b) what are the names of these permit holders and the unions they represent;
- (c) how many entry permits have been suspended, cancelled or withdrawn, since February 2001; and
- (d) what are the names of the permit holders that have had their entry permits suspended, cancelled or withdrawn and the unions each permit holder represents?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) There are no entry permits issued to union representatives for entry to building sites. Authority is issued pursuant to Division 2G of the Industrial Relations Act permitting entry to any premises "where relevant employees work". There have been 380 authorities issued pursuant to Division 2G of the Industrial Relations Act.
- (b) As per the attached Schedule A. [See paper No 2300.]
- (c) The provisions of the Industrial Relations Act allow only that an authority be revoked or suspended. Of 16 applications lodged pursuant to s49J(5) seeking revocation or suspension, none have been revoked, 3 were dismissed and 6 are in progress.
- (d) 27 authorities have been revoked by the Registrar pursuant to s49J(6) at the request of the organisation secretary and their names, and the unions they formerly represented, are as per the attached Schedule B;