

BUILDING INDUSTRY - SHED COST THRESHOLD

**729. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Consumer Protection:**

Given the dramatic escalation in building costs and in particular the rising cost of steel, can the minister please explain why the \$12 000 threshold requiring a registered builder for shed erection has not been changed?

**Hon KATE DOUST replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Department of Consumer and Employment Protection examined the \$12 000 unregistered building threshold through focus groups with key industry stakeholders in April 2005. As no consensus was reached with the stakeholders involved in the focus groups, the issue was included in the current general review of building legislation.

The second issues paper in the department's general review of building legislation on the Builders' Registration Act 1939 was released in June 2006. The Builders' Registration Act issues paper contained some discussion on the \$12 000 threshold. Public submissions in response to the issues paper are invited and close on 3 October 2006. As part of the general review, the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection is also convening a discussion group with shed and patio builders. Once consultation has concluded, the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection will prepare a report and recommendations for change.