

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LEGISLATION, IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

1192. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer the Minister to reports of the impact of his Industrial Relations Laws on small businesses and ask -

- (a) what action will the Minister take to compensate the part time employees of small tourist related businesses that no longer open on Sunday because of the high costs of the award; and
- (b) what action will the Minister take to compensate the families of the part time employees of small tourist related businesses that no longer open on Sunday because of the high costs of the award?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a)-(b) There are many cost pressures on small business not the least being the Liberal Government's Goods and Services Tax (GST). The State government cannot be expected to compensate people or businesses for the GST or other changes that may impact on them.