

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CODE OF PRACTICE, REVIEW

305. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations

I refer the Minister to the Review of the Building and Construction Industry Code of Practice, and ask-

- (a) other than, the Member for Peel, who is chairing the Review, who else will be on the Review group;
- (b) what are the terms of reference for the review;
- (c) has industry been consulted on these terms of reference;
- (d) has the Review commenced;
- (e) if not, when is it expected to commence;
- (f) how long is the review expected to take;
- (g) will the Government be calling for Public submissions;
- (h) what resources have been provided to carry out the review; and
- (i) which support staff have been allocated to the reviews?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

- (a) Mr John Flecker
Mr Stuart Henry
Mr Matt Keogh
Mr Kim Richardson
- (b) The review's terms of reference are:
 - (1) To assess the existing Code including compliance.
 - (2) To examine how other jurisdictions have addressed similar issues regarding the industry with the aim of determining national best practice in ensuring that the industry operates fairly, productively and efficiently.
 - (3) To address the general issue of Codes of Practice including their legal standing and whether the relevant industrial legislation should accommodate such Codes. This will include:
 - a) scope and application of the Code;
 - b) legislative basis (if any) for the Code;
 - c) the operation of the Code in the context of legislation; and
 - d) appropriate sanctions.
 - (4) The need for integration of the Code across associated areas.
 - (5) The appropriate means for ensuring effective observance of the Code.
 - (6) The appropriate process for the resolution of disputes regarding the operation of the Code and associated matters.
 - (7) To recommend options to Government for the effective operation of a Code for the building and construction industry in Western Australia.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Depends on consensus reached in discussions.
- (g) This may be considered by the Review.
- (h) The review group draws on its own resource base. Meeting facilities are provided by the Office of the Minister for Labour Relations.
- (i) An officer from the Department of Productivity and Labour Relations.