

COPYRIGHT AUSTRALIA LTD, STATE'S LIABILITY

2550. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Premier

I refer the Premier to the Annual Report – 2002/2003 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet and ask -

- (a) what is the State's liability to Copyright Australia Ltd;
- (b) has any investigation been conducted to look at ways of reducing this liability; and
- (c) what areas does the copyright agreement cover?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (a) The State's liability is calculated each financial year according to the formula provided for in the State's agreement with the Copyright Agency Limited.
- (b) The State's liability to the Copyright Agency Limited arises under section 183A of the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth). Agreements with the Copyright Agency Limited are negotiated nationally with the other States and Territories to achieve the best outcome for the State.
- (c) The copying of a "work" as defined in the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth), and a published edition of a work, in which copyright subsists, other than a sound recording, a cinematograph film, a television broadcast or a sound broadcast, which is done for the services of the State.