

**BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING FUND AND LEVY COLLECTION  
AMENDMENT BILL 2010**

*First Reading*

Bill read a first time, on motion by **Dr E. Constable (Minister for Education)**.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the minister.

*Second Reading*

**DR E. CONSTABLE (Churchlands — Minister for Education)** [12.13 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

The purpose of this bill is to widen the list of organisations, prescribed in section 10 of the act, that the minister must consult in relation to the appointment of members to the Building and Construction Industry Training Board. The bill also updates reference to industry organisations already detailed in the act that have changed their names or structure. Finally, the bill enables future regulations to be established to reflect any future change in the names of the bodies referred to in section 10 of the act.

The Building and Construction Industry Training Board is a body corporate established under section 6 of the act. Section 7 prescribes the powers of the board, which are to oversee the strategic management of the fund. The board consists of seven members who are appointed by the minister after consulting the organisations whose names are listed in section 10(1) of the act. Two of the members, including the chairman, must be independent of the organisations.

In 2008, as required by section 32 of the act, a review of the operation and effectiveness of the act was completed. This review confirmed the effectiveness of the board, that the objects of the act were achieved, and that there was a need for the act to continue in operation. One of the recommendations included in the review report was to widen the list of organisations the minister must consult when appointing members to the board, without increasing the number of members on the board. Currently, section 10(1) of the act lists the names of six building and construction industry employer organisations and three employee organisations or unions. In order to give effect to the recommendation to widen the list of organisations, amendments to section 10(1) are required to add the Civil Contractors Federation of Australia and the Australian Workers' Union of Western Australia to the list of organisations.

The bill also proposes to update the names of several organisations listed in the act that have either amalgamated or changed their name. During debate in the Legislative Council, amendments to the bill were passed with the support of all parties to add the Communications, Electrical and Plumbing Union of Western Australia to the list and to further update the names of several industry organisations as they are known and operate in Western Australia. The updated list of organisations proposed with these amendments will result in there being seven employer associations and four union organisations.

The bill is a response to changes discussed by construction industry stakeholders during the review of the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund and Levy Collection Act in 2008, and supported at the time. The changes will expand the organisations that are consulted during the process for appointment of board members, but will not in any way change the current structure or number of members on the board, which is considered to be operating effectively. I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mr D.A. Templeman**.