

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

Introduction and First Reading

Bill introduced, on motion by **Hon Peter Collier (Minister for Training and Workforce Development)**, and read a first time.

Second Reading

HON PETER COLLIER (North Metropolitan — Minister for Training and Workforce Development)
[5.58 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—union—organisations. 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.

At the same time, the opportunity is to be taken to amend section 10(1) to delete the Electrical Contractors' Association of Western Australia, the Western Australian Builders' Labourers, Painters and Plasterers Union of Workers, and the Construction, Mining, Energy, Timberyards, Sawmills and Woodworkers Union of Australia, Western Australian branch, and to insert the names by which they are now known, namely, the National Electrical and Communications Association and the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union of Western Australia. These changes were 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, pursuant to standing orders.

Sitting suspended from 6.00 to 7.30 pm